MILLINOCKET SCHOOL REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING STEARNS JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM PUBLIC IN-PERSON OR BY ZOOM TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022 4:30 PM

Michelle Brundrett	Present
Kevin Gregory	Present
Erika Mackin	Present
Donald Raymond	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Dr. Joshua McNaughton, Superintendent	Present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Warren Steward, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

III. Public Comment

Melanie Mitchell has 3 children at Granite Street and 1 at Stearns. She spoke in support of the new drop-off and pick-up system at Granite. It's a miracle that someone hasn't been hit. There was no order. She also noted some issues at Stearns. The line at Granite moves quickly and the staff has been great in assisting the students. She asked that the Board not let people's impatience take precedence over the safety of our children.

Susan D'Alessandro asked about the results of the water testing at the schools. She commented on the public comment at the last meeting and the letters to the editors. She doesn't think staff should be defensive – she has not seen anything negative directed toward the teachers. She cares about our town and the kids and she wants to make sure we are giving them the tools to succeed. She has witnessed drug issues and how desensitized the kids are to these issues. She is concerned we don't have more social workers in our schools. Many of our kids don't have families or adult supervision. Someone tried to start an after school program and they were going to be charged by square foot. She encouraged the Board to think carefully about priorities and how the money should be spent.

Sam Hiscoe was welcomed to the meeting. He thanked everyone for thoughts, prayers, letters, cards and emails. He is grateful for everyone and stated it is nice to be home.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meeting May 17, 2022, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Donald Raymond Seconded by: Michelle Brundrett

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 1 - Abs (Kevin Gregory)

V. Payroll Warrant

Motion: It was moved to direct the Superintendent of Schools to authorize payment by the Town Treasurer to each party listed herein, the sum set against each name contained in School Payroll Warrant #22-25 in the amount of \$191,640.94 on June 2, 2022.

Motioned by: Donald Raymond Seconded by: Erika Mackin

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VI. Payable Warrant

Motion: It was moved to direct the Superintendent of Schools to authorize payment by the Town Treasurer to each party listed herein, the sum set against each name contained in School Payable Warrant #22-36 in the amount of \$157,929.81 on June 2, 2022.

Motioned by: Donald Raymond Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. Summer School Update

The Superintendent gave an update on Summer School. It has been funded through Title I and also funds from the ESSER 3 grant will be used. It is open to all students district-wide. The dates will be June 21-July 14. Staff will come before the Board for approval.

Kevin Gregory stated EMDC is looking for grants to expand the summer food program for 3 weeks.

VIII. Discussion of Granite Street School drop-off and pick-up

The Superintendent stated that from his observations the drop-off is very fluid and working out quite well. The pick-up is more sluggish. He recommends we continue this system through to the end of the year and then see the Civil Engineer's recommendations. This is part of the ESSER 3 grant.

There was discussion regarding safety concern of parents having children meet them in front of the building on the side walk and at the park rather than wait in line. Also discussion regarding positive feedback from the community and appreciation for the staff's flexibility, especially during inclement weather.

IX. Budget Workshop

The Superintendent reviewed the two spreadsheets he provided for the Board. The local appropriation figure has changed – it has gone up \$73,954.59 from last year. There were some updates to the carry forward. The total budget increase is 8.21%, local additional appropriation increase is 3.51% and total budget increase less carryover is 2.71%.

There was discussion regarding the increase in oil, electricity and tuition to KidsPeace for tuition. Also discussion regarding if the \$83,000 put in to fund the International Program should be cut.

There was discussion regard voting on approval tonight, waiting for the next meeting or holding a special meeting.

X. To see of the Board will approve the 2022-2023 school budget as presented

Motion: To approve the 2022-2023 school budget as presented.

Motioned by: Donald Raymond Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

Discussion regarding carryover being used toward mental health, if the AP/AD position should be cut, and concern they couldn't come in at zero due to increase in the fuel and electricity.

Voted: 3 - Yes 2 - No (Michelle Brundrett 0 – Abs Erika Mackin)

XI. To see if the Board will enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) Employment of officials/appointees/employees

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) Employment of officials/appointees/employees including Samuel Hiscoe

Motioned by: Donald Raymond **Seconded by**: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 6:17 PM **Time Out**: 6:33 PM

Result of executive session:

No action taken as result of executive session.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Motion by: Donald Raymond Seconded by: Michelle Brundrett

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 14, 2022 July 5, 2022 July 19, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua McNaughton, Ed.D Superintendent of Schools