

MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016

<b>Jeffrey Gordon</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Kevin Gregory</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Michael Jewers, Chair</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Margaret Manzo</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Warren Steward</b>	<b>Excused</b>
<b>Francis Boynton, Superintendent</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Christopher Brown, Student Representative</b>	<b>Present</b>

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:55 PM by Michael B. Jewers, Chairperson.

**II. Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

**III. Public Comment**

The Chair convened the meeting early for the Board to have an opportunity to thank Chris Brown for his service over the last two years. They appreciated his work and input, and wished him well. A celebration cake was enjoyed by everyone.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings April 5, April 6, and April 26, 2016, barring any errors or omissions.

**Motion by:** Jeffrey Gordon    **Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Vote:** 4 – Yes      0 – No      0 – Abs

**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 #16-23 in the amount of \$126,275.11 on May 5, 2016.

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory    **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 4 - 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 #16-35 in the amount of \$134,431.73 on May 5, 2016.

**Motioned by:** Jeffrey Gordon    **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VII. To see if the Board will approve the senior class trip to Portland**

**Motion:** To approve the senior class trip to Portland on June 13.

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory    **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

**Board Discussion:**

Due to prior commitments of dance and athletics, the Senior Class Officers couldn't attend the meeting. The Senior Class Advisor, Terry Given, presented the details of the trip to the Board.

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VIII. Nomination of Second Year Probationary Teachers**

**Motion:** To approve the Superintendent's nomination of the following second year probationary teachers for the 2016-2017 school year:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Years Completed as of 6-30-16</u>
Boynton, Edward	BS	31	1
Brown Jr., Terrance	BS	3	1
Fiske, Kristi	BS	1	1
Fiske, Victoria	BS	1	1
Jackson, Angela	BS	1	1
Kelley, Vanessa	MS	1	1
Nelson, Gretchen	BS	1	1
Webb, Rex	MS	24	1

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory    **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

**Board Discussion:**

The Superintendent stated he is pleased with the caliber of teacher returning.

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**IX. Nomination of First Year Continuing Contract Teachers (Changed to Third Year Probationary Contract Teachers – due to change in law).**

**Motion:** To approve the Superintendent’s nomination of the following third year probationary contract teachers for the 2016-2017 school year:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Years Completed as of 6-30-16</u>
Johnson, Maria Elena	BS	24	2

**Motioned by:** Jeffrey Gordon      **Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

**Board Discussion:**

Discussion regarding change in the law to have 3 probationary years and the 4<sup>th</sup> as continuing contract.

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 – No      0 - Abs

**X. Notification of Continuing Contract Salary Agreements**

- Anderson, Amy
- Bishop, RandiLee
- Boone, Angela
- Buzzell, Susan
- Carr, Kathryn
- Cassidy, Debbie
- Cullen, Nicholas
- Daigle, Jenny
- DiFrederico, Katie
- Doane, April
- Girsa, Healthier
- Given, Terry
- Hatch, Michelle
- Ingerson, Cynthia
- Inman, Therese
- Kranich, Douglas
- Leach, Jessica

Libby, Kevin  
Lincoln, Lori  
Malcolm, Christy  
McGibbon, Richard  
McLean, Bruce  
McNally, Danielle  
Michaud, Staci  
Mooney, Debra  
Oakes, Heather  
Peavey, Beth  
Petrin, Kimberly  
Rollins, Falene  
Rutherford, Karla  
Sutherland, Ann  
Waite, Danielle  
Waite, Matthew  
Wheaton, Melissa

## **XI. Discussion of dates for Budget Workshops**

### **Board Discussion:**

The Budget Workshops will be held on Wednesday, May 11 and Thursday, May 12 at 4:30 PM in the Stearns library.

## **XII. Student Representative Report**

### **Student Representative Chris Brown reported:**

- Prom tickets are on sale \$25. The Prom will be held on Saturday, May 14.
- Chem-Free fundraising car wash will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Dead River
- High school senior class is fundraising for class trip
- Granite street concert tonight at 7pm in Stearns Walker Auditorium
- Middle school spring concert May 10th at 7pm in Stearns Walker Auditorium
- High school spring concert May 17th at 7pm in Stearns Walker Auditorium

### **XIII. Administrative Reports**

#### **Pre-K – 12 Principal Deborah Levesque reported:**

Today is National Teacher Appreciation Day. I would like to take this time to publically thank all the staff of the Millinocket School Department for their commitment, dedication, and caring. We are fortunate to have such an outstanding group of people working for our students and community. There is not always time in the day to express this, but today is one where they should be recognized.

The school days are winding down rapidly and many activities are now taking place. National Honor Society inducted 11 new members on Thursday, April 28. This now makes our group to include 33 members grades 9-12, which is about 20% of our population.

Valedictorian of Stearns 2016 graduating class is Jessica Girsra. She plans to attend the University of Maine Fort Kent to pursue a nursing degree. Salutatorian is Lauren Jamo. She plans to attend UMO for a nursing degree. In addition, the following students are graduating with a 93% or above average: Juliette Levesque, Noah Brown, Isabella Gomez, and Justin Waceken. Congratulations to all the graduating senior students. At this point in time, there are 40 graduating seniors, with 18 planning to attend college and 3 going into the military. These figures do not include the international students who may be attending college in the United States or the students who have received welding certificates from Region III and plan to enter the workforce.

Grades 5, 8, and 11 are completing the MEA Science tests this week.

The Prom will be held on Saturday, May 14 starting with a Grand March in Wentworth Gymnasium. The students will then be bussed to the Northern Outdoor Center for Prom followed by the Chem-Free event. No students are allowed to be transported other than by the school bus.

The Performing Arts Department is conducting their spring concerts starting tonight. Elementary Chorus and Instrumental will be at 7:00 PM in Walker Auditorium. Junior High Band and Chorus spring concert is on May 10 and the High School Band and Chorus is on May 17 – both beginning at 7:00 PM in Walker Auditorium.

Pre-K registration for fall 2016-2017 will take place on May 17 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Granite Street School. Students must be 4 years old on or before October 14, 2016.

Our current Pre-K families will be invited to attend a “Meet the Kindergarten Teacher” meeting on Wednesday, May 25, at 5:30 PM. This is an opportunity for the families to meet the teachers and ask questions. The Pre-K students will also be welcome into the Kindergarten classrooms sometime before the end of the year to get the Kindergarten experience.

**Assistant Principal/AD Fredy Lazo reported:**

The spring season is progressing as scheduled. We have had only one game postponed due to weather this season. Both softball and baseball had a play day at Bucksport, which was a good experience for our teams. The softball team had another play day at Brewer and they faced several class B schools and performed well. Other coaches and teams were very impressed with our team and stated we belong there. The baseball team had a scrimmage against Houlton and had another opportunity to play before the first regular season game.

We are almost half way through the regular season, playing games vs. Katahdin, Bangor Christian, Mattanawcook Academy, PCHS, Penquis (postponed), and Schenck. The game against Schenck was our cancer awareness game and we were able to raise \$191.00 for a donation towards Relay for Life.

Both teams are playing well and are on track to make an appearance in the playoffs.

GO MINUTEMEN!

**Facilities Director Louie DiFrederico reported:**

None

**XIV. Superintendent's Report**

Report of time:

Completed through June 30, 2015 with scheduled workshops 260/210

Work days July 1, 2015 to present: 215/210

Vacation days remaining: 20/20

Sick Days remaining: 14.5/20

We are diligently working on the budget for next year. Several items have recently come to our attention and we are trying to incorporate them into the budget. The Anthem insurance rate increase is more than 8 %, the Region increase is about \$30,000. I am working the final figures for Pre-K, but it appears that we must reduce our grant request by a significant portion of the state funding for Pre-K on our ED279, which will also result in an increased cost to our budget. In the final analysis, I am working to keep the cost to the town at a 0% increase.

The trip to China absorbed two weeks of my time during April. The trip was successful in that we have 8 students from Liren scheduled for the fall along with at least 2 additional students. We also have a potential for about 4 more students at this time from our schools in China. We also are engaged in discussions with several other agencies with potential students. During the two weeks, I conducted approximately 30 interviews with students, observed 10 classes, taught 2 classes, worked with one school at an all-day recruiting table, and conducted 9 teacher workshops. Since much of the trip is redundant with previous trips, I will plan on a full presentation after the trip planned for October of 2016.

Please know that essential to the International Program and to the budget for next year will be the home stay program. At this point we need placements for several of the students. The students are all quality students that have been interviewed in China. We demand that students meet and exceed our expectations for behavior and academics, as exemplified by the recent return to China by one of our students who did not meet our expectations. We have several challenges to face as we close school in the coming month.

On a personal note, I will have eye surgery on May 4 and 18. With follow-up exams each Thursday in May in Lewiston. I also will take personal time to attend my Daughter's graduation from flight school in Alabama on June 9<sup>th</sup>. I plan to leave after the Honors Banquet on June 7, and return some time on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> or Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>, to be here for Stearns Graduation on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, I plan to attend the Senior trip on June 13, as a chaperone. Although I will miss some of the graduation activities, I believe I have accounted for the major ones.

**Board Discussion:**

We issued 6 diplomas to students at Zibo in China this spring. We have 5 strong programs right now and 2 schools who are changing their names to include Stearns and will be using our school logo.

**XV. To see if the Board will enter into executive session to discuss its legal rights and responsibilities pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(E)**

**Motion:** To enter into executive session to discuss its legal rights and responsibilities pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(E)

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory      **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**Time In:** 4:42 PM      **Time Out:** 5:34 PM

**Result of executive session:**

**Motion:** No action as result of executive session

**XVI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM

**Motion by:** Kevin Gregory      **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Wednesday, May 11 – Budget Workshop at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School library

Thursday, May 12 – Budget Workshop at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School library

Tuesday, May 17– Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School library

Tuesday, May 31– Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School library

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton  
Superintendent of Schools