

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018
4:30 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present
Jeffrey Gordon	Present
Kevin Gregory	Present
Michael Jewers	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Michael B. Jewers, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

III. Public Comment

Mr. Angotti noted that Heather Girsra and Danielle Waite received National Board Certification, which is a huge undertaking and honor. He would like to see the Board recognize them publically.

Mr. Gregory noted that it is Teacher Appreciation Day and the Board thanks the staff for all they do.

Alice Hartley asked if the budget discussion was a workshop or if workshops will be scheduled. The Superintendent answered that it will be public discussion, but workshops will be scheduled.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings April 10 and April 24, 2018, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Warren Steward

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 #18-23 in the amount of \$142,976.18 on May 10, 2018.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

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 #18-36 in the amount of \$143,051.77 on May 10, 2018.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. Board Chair Committee appointments

Board Discussion:

The Board Chair appointed Kevin Gregory to the Policy Committee and the Cooperative Athletic Board.

VIII. To see if the Board will approve the Senior Class trip to Canobie Lake Park in New Hampshire on May 19, 2018.

Motion: To approve the Senior Class trip to Canobie Lake Park in New Hampshire on May 19, 2018.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

The trip is being held before graduation this year. It is not mandatory. This is a new location for the class trip. The trip is paid through fundraising.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

IX. To see if the Board will approve an increase in the school lunch prices for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion: To increase the school lunch prices by \$.10 for the 2018-2019 school year. Stearns will increase from \$2.65 to \$2.75 and Granite Street from \$2.40 to \$2.50.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti **Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

This increase is mandatory, since we are currently under the State price. The town share for school lunch is reduced significantly in this budget.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

X. To approve the Superintendent's nomination and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of second year probationary teachers

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination of the following 2nd Year Probationary Teachers:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Years Completed as of 6-30-18</u>
Cousineau, Florence	M	20	1
DeSilva, Tessa	M	1	1
Jandreau, Jennifer	BS	1	1
Leathers, Kyle	BS	1	1
Loome, Anna	BS	5	1
Mackin, Kristi	BS	1	1
Marter, Kirsten	BS	1	1
Maynard, Jolene	M	11	1
McNulty, Tara	M	4	1
Stevens, Margo	BS	11	1
Wolfe, William	BS	1	1

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Richard Angotti

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XI. To approve the Superintendent's nomination and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of third year probationary teachers

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination of the following 3rd Year Probationary Teachers:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Years Completed as of 6-30-18</u>
Green, Jessica	BS	3	2
Leavitt, Katie	BS	2	2

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XII. To approve the Superintendent's nomination and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of first year continuing contract teachers

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination of the following 1st Year Continuing Contract Teachers:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Years Completed as of 6-30-18</u>
Boynton, Edward	BS	33	3
Brown Jr, Terrance	BS	5	3
Fiske, Kristi	M	3	3
Fiske, Victoria	BS	3	3

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XIII Notification of Continuing Contract Salary Agreements

- Anderson, Amy
- Buzzell, Susan
- Carr, Kathryn
- Cassidy, Debbie
- Cullen, Nicholas
- DiFrederico, Katie
- Girsa, Heather
- Given, Terry
- Hatch, Michelle
- Johnson, M. Elena
- Kranich, Douglas

Leach, Jessica
Lincoln-Nadeau, Lori
Malcolm, Christy
McGibbon, Richard
McLean, Bruce
McNally, Danielle
Michaud, Staci
Mooney, Debra
Oakes, Heather
Osborne, Angela
Petrin, Kimberly
Rollins, Falene
Rutherford, Karla
Sutherland, Ann
Waite, Danielle
Waite, Matthew
Wheaton, Melissa

XIV. Administrative Reports

PreK-5 Assistant Principal Deborah Levesque reported:

Tuesday May 8th is Teacher Appreciation Day. I'd like to publically recognize all the staff of the Millinocket School Department for their exceptional work educating and supporting our students. It's not always an easy job with the ever increasing demands on educators, but staff is dedicated to our children. I appreciate their work each and every day.

Students at Granite Street School are completing Aimsweb and NWEA benchmark testing in literacy and mathematics. The results will be used for planning going forward next year as well as some of it being calculated into teacher evaluations.

Teachers will be completing the requirements for annual evaluations. They will do a self-reflection, end of year student learning objective form, and provide evidence for professional goals. I have also been completing Title I and Special Education Ed Tech evaluations.

Many field trip opportunities will be taking place for our students in the upcoming weeks. Grade 4 will take their annual trip to Augusta for a visit to the State House, State Museum, and Fort Western. Grades 3-5 are scheduled for paddling experiences with Maine Outdoor Education Program.

Under the Title IV grant, STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) activities are being offered to each grade level before the end of May. PreK and Kindergarten children will be making bird houses, Grade 2 & 3 will be learning about pollution solutions, and Grades 4 & 5 will be doing an activity about "float your boat". These activities will take place either in the evening or after school. More plans are being made to expand the program for next year.

Board Discussion:

The Board asked if administration has seen improvement since the TIF Grant, and the answer is yes.

6-12 Assistant Principal/AD Beth Peavey reported:

None

Facilities Director Louis DiFrederico reported:

Board Discussion:

None

XV. Superintendent's Report

Report of time:

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

Completed Work days July 1, 2015 to June 30, 261/210

Work days July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 293/210

Work Days July 1, 2017 to present: 225/220

Vacation days remaining: 30/30

The finger print process is working well in the lunch programs. It has met the expectations and is having the effect we expected.

The advantages:

1. The program saves staff time required to input numbers.
2. Reduction in the number of errors with a misread number.
3. Prevents one student from using another student's number.
4. Prevents the error of a wrong scan card being used (Granite uses a card ID scan which is then entered by staff into the computer system).
5. Reduces the amount of time students wait in line for lunch accountability.
6. Reduces the staff required at breakfast (Granite).
7. Improves the overall accuracy of the accountability.

The work with the Service center and FEDES grant continue to move forward. I believe there will be an opportunity to gain advantages. I expect the process will be ready for a vote in November at the annual election provided permission is given by the school Boards prior to this.

We continue to solicit homestays for foreign students. We have several Liren students who need places and we have several agencies in contact with possible students. Please continue to search.

We are in the final preparations for the end of school activities. The prom is May 12th and the class trip May 19th. All of the final activities have been scheduled for the seniors. The list is attached.

We are working diligently on the proposal for a budget for next year. I would like to present both the positive and negative sides of going to the vote in June as suggested by the Council. Please note that the Legislature has failed to act on a number of bills regarding schools, school functions, and school funding. News reports some discussion about another session in the coming months, but the effect is unknown. I am basing all information on the current ED279 from the state.

I will be attending the legal workshop on Friday May 11, 2018. It is the opportunity for advice from our attorneys without cost. The workshop is in Freeport. I will also have minor dental surgery on Friday afternoon.

Board Discussion:

None

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XVI. To see if the Board will enter into executive session 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contracts

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contracts

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 4:53 PM **Time Out:** 5:30 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To approve Louis DiFrederico's contract for the 2018-2019 school year as written.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve Rebecca Merry's contract for the 2018-2019 school year as written.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve Beth Peavey's contract for the 2018-2019 school year as written.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve Bret Van Dine's contract for the 2018-2019 school year as written.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XVII. To see if the Board will enter into executive session 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) negotiations

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) negotiations

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:31 PM **Time Out:** 6:04 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To approve the negotiated agreement with the Millinocket Education Association as written.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Richard Angotti

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XVIII. To see if the Board will enter into executive session 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) policy regarding employment

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) policy regarding employment

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Richard Angotti

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 6:05 PM **Time Out:** 6:20 PM

Result of executive session:

No action as result of executive session

XIX. Budget Discussions

Board Discussion:

The Board discussed various areas of the budget and set up a Budget Workshop for Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 5:00 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior library.

XX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Motion by: Warren Steward

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, May 15 – Budget Workshop in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School library at 5:00 PM.

Tuesday, May 22 – Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, June 5 – Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, June 19 – Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools