

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE WARRANT MEETING
BOARD IN-PERSON (CONFERENCE ROOM); PUBLIC BY ZOOM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020
5:00 PM**

Matthew Ayotte	Present
Michelle Brundrett	Present
Hilary Emery	Present
Peter Jamieson	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Francis N. Boynton, Superintendent.

II. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Nominations of Board Chair:

<u>Names:</u>	<u>Nominated By:</u>
Peter Jamieson	Hilary Emery

Motion: To cease nominations for Board Chair.

Motioned By: Matthew Ayotte **Seconded:** Hilary Emery

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To elect Peter Jamieson as Board Chair

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 Yes 0 - No 1 - Abs (Peter Jamieson)

Peter Jamieson thanked Warren Steward for his service as Board Chair.

Nomination of Board Vice-Chair:

<u>Names:</u>	<u>Nominated By:</u>
Hilary Emery	Peter Jamieson

Motion: To cease nominations for Board Vice-Chair.

Motioned By: Matthew Ayotte

Seconded: Michelle Brundrett

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To elect Hilary Emery as Board Vice Chair

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 Yes 0 - No 1 - Abs (Hilary Emery)

III. Committee Assignments by the Chair

Board Chair took note of Committee preferences and will finalize at the next meeting.

Matthew Ayotte requested the Building and Grounds Committee
Matthew Ayotte requested the Policy Committee
Michelle Brundrett requested the Negotiations Committee
Hilary Emery requested the Policy Committee
Peter Jamieson requested the Technology Committee
Warren Steward requested the Technology Committee
Warren Steward requested the Negotiations Committee

It was discussed making Kevin Gregory a part of Region III Board in place of Matthew Ayotte and possibly Michael Jewers in place of Peter Jamieson.

Budget & Finance Committee (2 or complete Board):
(Previously Complete Board)

Buildings & Grounds Committee (2):
(Previously Richard Angotti & Peter Jamieson)

Cooperative Committee (2):
(Previously Hilary Emery & Warren Steward)

Drop-Out Committee (2):
(Previously Kevin Gregory & Peter Jamieson)

Negotiations Committee (2):
(Previously Kevin Gregory & Warren Steward)

Policy Committee (2):
(Previously Hilary Emery & Warren Steward)

Region III Committee (5 allowed):

(Previously)

Board Members: Resident:
Richard Angotti Michael Jewers
Hilary Emery
Kevin Gregory
Warren Steward

Technology Committee (2):
(Previously Richard Angotti & Peter Jamieson)

IV. Adjustments to the Agenda

IXa. COVID Plan Update

V. Public Comment

Kevin Gregory congratulated Matt Ayotte and Michelle Brundrett on their election and thanked the other candidates for running. He also thanked outgoing Board Member Richard Angotti, staff and administration for their hard work. He offered his help if ever needed.

Kamma Michaud, Central Office employee, shared information on the purchase of a new accounting system for Central Office.

VI. 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 #21-11 in the amount of \$173,270.70 on November 19, 2020.

Motioned by: Hilary Emery **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. 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 #21-16 in the amount of \$116,281.16, #21-17 in the amount of \$37,968.99 and #21-18 in the amount of \$29,853.00 on November 19, 2020.

Motioned by: Matthew Ayotte **Seconded by:** Hilary Emery

Board Discussion:

The Chair noted this includes the purchase of a van and he asked Louie DiFrederico to share some information on the van.

Mr. DiFrederico shared that the main purpose of the van is for transporting food from Stearns to Granite for student meals. It is also used for trips to Bangor for custodial supplies, equipment, maintenance parts, etc., as well as for equipment for athletics and performing arts equipment for events. Along with the school truck and van, the custodial staff still often need to use their own vehicles. Our van was purchased in 2006. We have the opportunity with the CARE Grant money to make this purchase and it won't affect our students' education. It's a great use of the resource that we have.

The Superintendent noted we have unused grant funds available for additional training and technology, as requested by some of the Board members.

Joshua McNaughton shared the grants we received CARE Grant - \$187,000, CRF1 Grant - \$450,000, CRF2 Grant -\$470,000. From the \$1.1 million we have used 30% has been slated for technology and professional development, 8.3% for additional costs of busing/transportation and the remainder goes to school operations, such as professional development, food service costs, medical supplies and building needs, such as the van.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. To see if the Board will approve winter athletic stipend positions (basketball and cheering)

Motion: To appoint the following extra-curricular coaching positions for the 2020-2021 school year

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Coaching Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Nicholas Cullen	Girl's Varsity Basketball	7	7	\$4,400
Michael Brown	Girl's JV Basketball	5	8	\$2,800
Brandon McLaughlin	Boy's Varsity Basketball	3	3	\$4,000
Joseph Clark	Boy's JV Basketball	3	3	\$2,200
Jessica Pelkey	Winter Varsity Cheering	3	3	\$4,000
Douglas Kranich	HS Basketball Timer	12	12	\$1,600
Patrick Mooney	Boy's JH Basketball	4	11	\$2,400
Ian Shearer	Girl's JH Basketball	1	1	\$1,200
Nicole Campbell	Winter JH Cheering	2	2	\$1,400
Douglas Kranich	JH Basketball Timer	31	12	\$1,100

Motioned by: Warren Steward

Seconded by: Matthew Ayotte

Board Discussion:

Discussion of performing arts will take place separately.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

IX. Discussion of purchase of Infinite Visions Accounting Software

Board Discussion:

The biggest portion of the expense is for training. The current software will not be functional much longer.

The Superintendent needs to come up with \$2,139 out of this budget but will try to pay as much of next year's expense out of this budget as possible, if there is enough left at the end of the fiscal year.

Motion: To authorize the Superintendent to pursue the Infinite Visions software

Motion by: Warren Stewart

Seconded by: Matthew Ayotte

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 - No

IXa. COVID Plan Update

Board Discussion:

Superintendent has been getting updates from Tom Malcolm regarding COVID cases in the Katahdin Region. We are keeping our eye on it but will remain with our current plan.

There is some conversation between regional Superintendents regarding taking extended Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. The Commissioner suggested the students may be safer in the school setting due to the masks and cleaning.

Discussed MPA rules regarding athletics.

Discussed performing arts guidelines, but the DOE has not reviewed them yet.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM

Motion by: Warren Stewart

Seconded by: Hilary Emery

Voted: 5 – Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Tuesday, December 29, 2020 (No meeting – warrants signed in the office)

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools