

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD IN-PERSON; PUBLIC BY ZOOM  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021  
6:00 PM**

Michelle Brundrett	Present - Zoom
Hilary Emery	Absent
Peter Jamieson	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Dr. Joshua McNaughton, Superintendent	Present
Jillian Harper, Student Representative	Present

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 PM by Peter Jamieson, Chairperson.

**II. Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings October 19, 2021, barring any errors or omissions.

**Motioned by:** Warren Steward

**Seconded by:** Michelle Brundrett

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 3 - 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 #22-10 in the amount of \$154,885.30 on November 4, 2021.

**Motioned by:** Warren Steward

**Seconded by:** Michelle Brundrett

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 3 - 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 # #22-14 in the amount of \$133,698.71 on November 4, 2021.

**Motioned by:** Michelle Brundrett      **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 3 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VII. To see if the Board will approve the nomination of a PreK Teacher**

**Motion:** To approve the nomination of and approve the Superintendent’s hiring of Leah Malcolm as a PreK Teacher at step 1 with a Bachelor’s \$38,500, prorated to 129 days \$27,590.52.

**Motioned by:** Warren Steward      **Seconded by:** Michelle Brundrett

**Board Discussion:**

We are pleased to have her on board.

**Voted:** 3 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VIII. Board notification of hiring of support staff and extra-curricular stipend positions**

Zoe Scharf has been hired as an Ed Tech III at Stearns at step 0; \$16.40 per hour. Her date of hire is November 1, 2021.

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Nicholas Cullen	Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	8/9	8	\$4,600
Michael Socoby, Jr.	Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	2	1	\$3,800
Emma Alley	JV Girls Basketball Coach	1	1	\$1,800
Joseph Clark	JV Boys Basketball Coach	4/5	4	\$2,400
Jessica Pelkey	High School Winter Cheering Coach	4/5	4	\$4,200
Douglas Kranich	High School Basketball Timer	12	13	\$1,600
Ian Shearer	Junior High Girls Basketball Coach	2	2	\$1,400
Patrick Mooney	Junior High Boys Basketball Coach	12	5	\$2,600
Nicole Campbell	Junior High Winter Cheering Coach	3	2	\$1,600
Douglas Kranich	Junior High Basketball Timer	12	32	\$1,100

## **IX. Student Representative Report**

### **Jillian Harper reported:**

The junior class is hosting a spaghetti dinner on November 15th. They will be offering delivery and pick-up.

The Stearns Mock Trial team will have their state competition on November 13th. The team will be presenting their case in the courtroom, and the competition will be held over Zoom.

The senior class is currently hosting an online fundraiser for Charleston Wrap until December 3rd. Our class will receive 40% profit for all sales except personalized items, in which we earn 30%.

Unified Performing Arts will be performing *The Addams Family* on November 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st. Tickets will be on sale in the auditorium lobby from November 3rd until the show.

## **X. Administrative Reports**

### **Alicia Campbell, Food Service Manager, reported:**

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a good start with several new staff in the Stearns and Granite Street cafeterias. Donna Seamans is a new food assistant at Granite Street, Mia Charette is a new food assistant at Stearns, and Kristen Harmon has moved into Barbara Brown's position since she has retired.

We have been serving breakfasts and lunches from a menu that looks more like pre-Covid times with a variety of student and staff favorites. Students seem to be enjoying having the a la carte option back this year as well. We have also been sure to offer breakfast and lunch to all students that have had to quarantine this school year and will continue to do so for the remainder of the school year. The year is off to a good start!

### **Cody Clinton, IT Coordinator, reported:**

None

### **Louie DiFrederico, Facilities Manager, reported:**

None

### **Sam Hiscoe, PreK-5 Principal, reported:**

**PTO** – Our PTO is in the process of fundraising for a Gaga pit for our school. If you do not know what a Gaga pit is, we will be taking video of kids playing in it. It is the new cool game for recess. We are beyond excited for this donation from them. The PTO is

working alongside myself and Mrs. Leach to determine the best area. Mrs. Leach will be teaching the rules to students in the upcoming gym classes.

**iReady** – The school recently purchased the program iReady which is an intervention program that helps teachers better understand what academic needs each child has individually. Staci Michaud and myself recently had a more in-depth training for the program. Staci is going to use what we learned in the training to help support staff in better understanding the program. iReady has been used right from the start of the year. We are seeing students use this program daily. Title I staff is using the lessons developed for intervention during their Tier II and Tier II instructions. Teachers are using it within the classroom to see where they need to focus as a class. This program is going to play a huge role in filling the gaps for our students’ academic future. We have an opportunity for a professional development on November 9<sup>th</sup> where staff would be trained on addressing unfinished learning with iReady. Also, iReady allows us to consistently monitor student progress in order to make appropriate changes in their programs.

**Newspaper** – We recently started our own school newspaper to keep parents informed monthly of the things going on within our school. We have also been beefing up our social media posts to inform the community of events and other great things happening within our school. I will be sure to email them to the school board now when I email them out to staff so you get a copy.

**Fire Safety** - Our Pre-K students had a great visit from some of our local first responders. They learned a lot about fire safety and what to do in the event of a fire. After learning, the students got to go out and go through the fire truck and ambulance.

**Student Recognition** - Granite Street School recognized two students with a Certificate of Excellence. Jesse and Keagon responded to a difficult situation in a proper manner that kept many kids safe. We thank them for their desire to do what was right. This was a presentation we made a few weeks ago.

**Music** – Mr. Waite is putting together a 4th and 5th grade Chorus this year at Granite Street. There is a lot of excitement around this program.

**Nurse’s Report** – As you are aware we have the BiNax Now testing for Covid-19. Katie Carr and Courtney Legassey have been doing a tremendous job administering these tests and contact tracing when we have been notified of positive test results. I don’t feel as though they receive enough recognition. As Mr. McNaughton mentioned to you last week – “These two have been nothing short of amazing.”

**Flu Shot Clinic** – Friday, October 29, 2021 we held a flu shot clinic. I was told by Katie Carr it went very smooth.

**Library** – Our librarian, Mrs. Reece, started a project to obtain a book series of biographies and autobiographies. There was well over 200 books in this series and they are continuing to make them. About two weeks ago, Mrs. Reece had achieved her goal and all the books had been donated. We want to thank community members, staff, and parents for making this happen. This is a HUGE addition to our library.

**4th Grade Living Wax Museum** – If you check out our Facebook page, I have uploaded a video presentation of the 4th graders presenting their living wax museum project.

Fourth grade was very excited for their Living Wax Museum project! Students had been working since mid- September on reading and becoming an expert on a historical figure. They have learned so much about biographies and autobiographies while working on this project. Both classrooms did an excellent job presenting their historical figure. Hats off to Emma Alley and Tessa DeSilva for all the hard work they put in preparing the students for these presentations.

**1st Trimester** – Our first trimester ends on November 19, 2021.

**Costume Day** – October 29, 2021 was our Costume Day at Granite Street School. Due to the amount of students we had out on quarantine we are going to have another Costume Day on November 8th. This is so all kids can have an opportunity to come dressed up to school. There is rumor that someone on the school board will be dressed up and greeting kids while they arrive at school. He was voluntold by his wife.

### **Extras**

- There are some things we are going to try implementing this year at Granite Street School:
  - o Monthly Staff Member Appreciation – Staff members will nominate who they feel has gone above and beyond that month and they will be recognized on our school Facebook page and receive a \$10 gift certificate to Dunkin Donuts.
  - o Student of the week – We are still working this one out. Each homeroom teacher will nominate a student every Friday that they feel has gone above and beyond and we will recognize those students on our Facebook page and find some sort of Granite Street Pride accessory for them to receive.
  - o Bikes for Books – The Masonic Lodge will be doing this
  - o Bus Safety Presentations later this week
  - o Student achievement celebration based on iReady lessons passed. We will celebrate ALL of our students and their success on iReady in a unique and different way each month.

NWEA testing has been completed.

### **Beth Peavey, 6-12 Principal/Athletic Director reported:**

Fall Sports: Varsity Field Hockey has finished with an 8-6 record on the regular season. They lost the quarter final match-up against Mt. View in a tough game that spanned 2 days. The first game had a rain delay in the middle and it became too dark to finish in the first overtime, with the score 1-1. Mt. View returned to Stearns on Monday, October 25th, and the game resumed. They went into the second overtime, and finally went to the corners. Mt. View scored, ending the game at a 1-2 score. The coaches and the team worked extremely hard this season and we are proud of them.

The Varsity football team played their first home play-off game, on Friday, October 22nd, against Orono High School. The end score of 32-16 sends the Stearns/Schenck team to Mattanawcook Academy on Friday, October 29th for the semi-final game. They will play Dexter on Saturday night in Dexter.

Varsity cheerleading has also completed their season and are looking ahead to the winter Cheering Competition, which will be held here at Stearns in January.

The Girls on the Run program, led by Mrs. Loomer will hold a 5K run at Stearns. Since there's no statewide Girls on the Run 5k this season due to Covid restrictions, the team will be completing their final 5k here at Stearns on Saturday, 11/6. Anyone who'd like to cheer the kids on, will be more than welcome. The run start time is approximately 10:20-10:30.

The Performing Arts will perform the Fall Musical in November. The "Adams' Family Musical" tickets will go on sale starting November 3rd. Performances will be November 18, 19, 20, and 21. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances will be held at 7:00 pm, and Sunday's show will be at 3:00.

2022 Yearbooks are on sale now until December 31st for \$35. The cost goes up to \$40 after that. They can be purchased online, in the Main Office or with Mr. McLean. However, all personalization, including names on the cover, will need to be purchased online.

Middle School basketball tryouts are Monday, Nov. 1st in the middle school gym. Boys tryouts are 2:30-4:30 and girls tryouts are 4:30-6:30.

Sign-ups for High School Show Choir, Junior High Show Choir and One Act Play are posted on Mr. Waite's classroom door.

Congratulations to the following students selected for October student of the month: Grade 6 - Mariah Frost, Grade 7 - Molly Anderson, Grade 8 - Andrew Hallett, Grade 9 - Blake Campbell, Grade 10 - Braydon Campbell, Grade 11 - Kelly Farber, Grade 12 - Dylan Evans.

Special thanks to the Sports Booster for their hard work, especially the concession stands. They are looking for more volunteers.

## **XI. Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent updated the Board regarding the SOP distributed by the State on Friday afternoon. They now recommend testing 5-7 days after exposure instead of 3-5 days.

We are making updates to links on our website for the ESSER Grant.

The Superintendent is taking care of some revisions to the ESSER Grant, as recommended.

The Performing Arts Boosters is changing their name to the Unified Performing Arts Boosters to better reflect their support of the Stearns and Schenck students.

The Superintendents meeting on Thursday will make decisions on winter sports procedures. We are trying to keep fans and players safe, but still have as normal a season as possible.

## **XII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

**Motion by:** Warren Steward

**Seconded by:** Michelle Brundrett

**Voted:** 3 – Yes    0 - No    0 - Abs

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua McNaughton, Ed.D  
Superintendent of Schools