

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD IN-PERSON; PUBLIC BY ZOOM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021
6:00 PM**

Michelle Brundrett	Present
Peter Jamieson	Present
Donald Raymond	Present
Warren Steward	Excused
Dr. Joshua McNaughton, Superintendent	Present
Jillian Harper, Student Representative	Excused

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Peter Jamieson, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

III. Public Comment

Erica Mackin, representing parents, would like to know if there are any updates to the adopted COVID protocols. When will the protocols change for the vaccinated students? Also asked if the district considered using alternative protocols used by other districts to keep students in school. She asked if pool testing has been looked into and considered. Can there be a consistent newsletter or update to parents regarding the current situation and what the future holds?

The Superintendent stated that once the students 5-11 who are vaccinated, they will not have to quarantine, just as the adults.

Peter Jamieson stated that the Stakeholders Group have reviewed pool testing and decided against it, but it is something we can continue to look into.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meeting November 16, 2021, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett **Seconded by:** Donald Raymond

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 #22-12 in the amount of \$169,097.28 on December 2, 2021.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett **Seconded by:** Donald Raymond

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 # #22-17 in the amount of \$172,302.61 on December 2, 2021.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett **Seconded by:** Donald Raymond

Board Discussion:

There will be some larger amounts in the payable warrants in the future because of the approval of the ESSER III grant.

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. To see if the Board will approve updating the signatures associated with the school activity and scholarship accounts.

Motion: To update the signatures associated with the school activity and scholarship accounts. Signatures to be determined by administration.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett **Seconded by:** Donald Raymond

Board Discussion:

We have accounts that have former employee signatures on them. This is needed to update the signatures to current employees.

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. To see if the Board will approve the Town of Millinocket's request to move the Food Service Account and Student Activity Fund Accounts from Stearns Jr/Sr High School and Granite Street School to the Town of Millinocket.

Note: Withdrawal from the Food Service Account and Student Activity Funds would go through the warrant approval process

Motion: To approve the Town of Millinocket's request to move the Food Service Account to the Town of Millinocket.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett **Seconded by:** Donald Raymond

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent and Peter Jamieson met with representatives from the Town. The Superintendent relayed that the new Town Auditors requested we turn the accounts over to the Town, to align with what they view as appropriate practice. He explained how the Food Service account works and the flow of the funds from parents to the account. We would discontinue this account and it would go into a new account managed by the Town. The Food Service Manager would still have access to the account to.

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve to move the Student Activity Accounts to non-profit status.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett **Seconded by:** Donald Raymond

Board Discussion:

We have many student activity accounts, such as performing arts and athletics boosters, scholarships and class accounts. These accounts are managed by the school and the Town, through the auditors, have requested they be managed by the Town. We have reached an agreement that these accounts will be left alone until June 30, 2022, to give these organization opportunity to establish their own non-profit status. The School Board will then need to approve the transfer of the funds to the organization. That way they will not be under control of the Town or the School Department.

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

IX. To see if the Board will enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) contract negotiation

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) contract negotiation with Bragdon Bus Service, Inc.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett **Seconded by:** Donald Raymond

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 6:29 PM **Time Out:** 6:58 PM

Result of executive session: To increase the Bragdon Bus Service, Inc. pricing by 3% for 2021-2022 and 3% for 2022-2023.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett **Seconded by:** Donald Raymond

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett **Seconded by:** Donald Raymond

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua McNaughton, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools