

MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015  
4:00 PM

<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>Present</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 4:00 PM by Michael B. Jewers, 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 on October 6 and October 20, 2015, barring any errors or omissions.

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Vote:** 5 – 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 #16-10 in the amount of \$139,467.36 on November 5, 2015.

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

**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 #16-14 in the amount of \$146,824.07 on November 5, 2015.

**Motioned by:** Warren Steward    **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VII. Extra-curricular appointments**

**Motion:** To accept the Superintendent's appointment of the following extra-curricular stipend positions:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Stp</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Nick Cullen	Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach	2	2	\$3,420
Kirsten Marter	Head Girls JV Basketball Coach	1	1	\$1,620
Greg Marter	Head Boys Varsity Basketball Coach	6	6	\$4,320
Greg Friel	Head Boys JV Basketball Coach	1	12	\$2,970
Steve Waceken	Head Girls JH Basketball Coach	4	4	\$1,584
Sam Monteith	Head Boys JH Basketball Coach	2	2	\$1,260

**Motioned by:** Jeffrey Gordon    **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**Board Discussion:**

Greg Friel has 14+ years of coaching experience.

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VIII. Update on MSMA Fall Conference**

The School Board Members reported on the MSMA conference resolutions and individual clinics attended. The four members who attended felt it was a good conference with good information provided.

## **IX. Student Representative Report**

Christopher, F, Brown  
Senior Class Representative  
November 5, 2015

1. Fall Fun Night sponsored by the Student Council was a success
2. Truck decorating was a success
3. Planning underway for the Veteran's Day breakfast
4. Liza Brown accepted into Jazz All-State
5. All-State auditions in Houlton on November 15th
6. Carousel tickets are now for sale in the box office in the auditorium lobby. Performances are November 13, 14 &15.

### **Board Discussion:**

Kevin Gregory and Warren Steward will be helping the Peer Counselors with an auction this spring to benefit the post-prom and graduation chem-free events.

The Veteran's Day event was highlighted. It is a special event that is important to the veterans, students and staff.

## **X. Administrative Reports**

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

#### **Activities from October:**

Stearns Jr/Sr. High School had Fall Fun Night on October 20. The event was well attended. Granite St. School had Fall Family Fun Night on October 22. There was a big crowd that attended: about 85 students and families. Activities included: leaf rubbings, story reading, relay races, and instrument exploration.

Grade 6 attended the Gulf of Maine Institute in Portland on October 21. This is an educational field trip that is provided to schools in Maine, funded by grant money. The day includes activities about the ocean environment off shore in Maine.

Grade 8 students went on a field trip to the Cole Transportation Museum on Monday October 26. The Cole Foundation awarded the school 3 Apple TV's for our participation in this opportunity. PreK Families were invited to their first Parent Meeting on Wednesday October 21. There were 12 families represented. Officers were elected and plans made for the next meeting.

#### **Upcoming November activities:**

Tuesday November 10...Veteran's Day Celebration in the Stearns Gymnasium. Many speakers, guests, and musical selections slated to be present.

Thursday November 12—Granite St. students will go to Walker Auditorium to see part of the musical Carousel.

Teachers continue to work on their Teacher Evaluation requirements: professional goals have been submitted and Student Learning Objectives are in progress. Mr. Lazo and I will begin doing walk through observations. We plan to have one formal observation complete for probationary staff before Christmas.

There will be a new state assessment for math, ELA, and science this year (Maine Educational Assessment). The contract has been awarded to Measured Progress. Further information will be available in the coming months. I am organizing Millinocket's results on last year's assessment and will present them at the December School Board meeting.

I attended three days of training in October to be able to teach a Learning Literacy and Loving It course to our PreK staff in the spring and fall 2016. I also have to attend a 2 day workshop next week related to the PreK Expansion grant. In addition, Mr. Boynton and I are required to attend monthly meetings in Augusta.

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

The fall season has come to an end. The football team did not have a desirable season if it's based on wins and losses. Football and Field Hockey are finalizing inventory and coaches are meeting with me for evaluations.

I am very proud of our boys for giving it all they had every game and not giving up, even though they faced one tough opponent after another. This was verified with me when I spoke to the opposing teams head coach in the locker room after every game. They were most impressed with our kids' ability to give it all they had and never give up.

The field hockey team made it to the quarter finals where they faced Mt. View. The game was very exciting even though we lost the contest. Our girls were in the top 5 for most of the season. The girls played with confidence this year and seemed to have a lot of fun.

The winter season is soon approaching. The first official practice day is November 16. The coaching staff are up for approval by the Board tonight: Head Varsity Girls is Nick Cullen; JV Girls is Kirsten Marter; Boys Head Varsity coach is Greg Marter; and JV Boys Coach is Greg Friel. I am excited for the winter season.

Please come out and support our teams!

### **Board Discussion:**

The future looks bright for Stearns football, because of the interest at the lower grades. We only had four seniors playing this fall, which is highly unusual.

## **Facilities Director Louie DiFrederico reported:**

### **Board Discussion:**

The last four windows were replaced for the Pre-K.

The Maine Water Company replaced the hydrant in the back of the Stearns building without any issues.

Oil consumption is good and a delivery will be made soon.

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

Report of time:

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

Work days July 1, 2015 to present: 82/210

Vacation days remaining: 20/20

Sick Days remaining: 18.5/20

The Pre-Kindergarten program is moving forward at this time. We are working diligently to meet all of the requirements and have met a couple of issues with determination as we move forward. We have had a concern raised for funding. It appears that the Federal Government has failed to fund the program past December of 2016. Although this may appear as an obstacle, the state should reimburse us for the students presently in the program looking ahead to next year's budget. This is not a done deal at this point, but certainly a situation that will require monitoring. If in fact this happens at the level anticipated, we should be able to recover sufficient funds to maintain the program through the spring of 2017. We met with representative of the state department on Wednesday, October 28, to resolve some minor concerns and will be making a rather large furniture purchase this month that will be fully funded by the grant.

We are finalizing the expected funds from the schools in China. We are having some concerns with the payments, as we expected, but we will continue the effort with resolve.

As you know I attended the MSSA conference in Augusta. I got some good information that we will process over the next few months. I enjoyed spending some reflective time with the Board members who attended and appreciated the opportunity to engage in educational dialog.

### **Board Discussion:**

A proposal is being worked on for cooperative Tennis with Schenck.

Maine Connections Academy was charged \$150 per co-curricular activity for one of their students, and the Superintendent feels we should go with that flat rate for Schenck students to participate in Show Choir, the Fall Musical, and One Act.

To meet guidelines we are required to make furniture purchases of \$25,000 - \$30,000 for the Pre-K classrooms. The purchases will all be covered by the grant.

There will be a Special Meeting of the School Board next Tuesday, November 10.

**4:45 PM**

**XII. To see if the Board will enter into executive session MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline**

**Motion:** To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 5 - - Yes      0- No      0 - Abs

**Time In:** 4:37 PM      **Time Out:** 4:51 PM

**Result of executive session:**

**Motion:** To revoke expulsion and return Student A to school.

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

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 – Abs

**5:00 PM**

**XIII. To see if the Board will enter into executive session MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline**

**Motion:** To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**Time In:** 4:54 PM      **Time Out:** 5:46 PM

**Result of executive session:**

**Motion:** Student B will appear before the Board after a 5 day trial period for attendance, according to School Board policy.

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

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 – Abs

**5:30 PM**

**XIV. To see if the Board will enter into executive session MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline**

**Motion:** To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**Time In:** 5:48 PM    **Time Out:** 5:51 PM

**Result of executive session:**

Motion: To revoke expulsion on Student C.

**Motion by:** Warren Steward                      **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      1 – Abs (Margaret Manzo)

**XV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

**Motion by:** Jeffrey Gordon    **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, November 10 – Special Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School library at 4:00 PM.

Tuesday, November 17 - Warrant Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School library at 4:00PM.

Tuesday, December 1 – Regular Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School library at 4:00PM.

Tuesday, December 15 - Warrant Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School library at 4:00PM.

Tuesday, December 29 - Warrant Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School library at 4:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton  
Superintendent of Schools