

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD IN-PERSON (CONFERENCE ROOM); PUBLIC BY ZOOM  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020  
5:00 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present
Hilary Emery	Present - Zoom
Kevin Gregory	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 Warren Steward, Chairperson.

**II. Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

**III. Public Comment**

Heather Girsra said they completed a competitive season with safety regulations and thanked them for trusting the coaches and AD. The safety regulations worked and it can set a precedence for future seasons and for performing arts.

Erika Mackin stated it was hard to hear during the last meeting and she asked that the Board try to elevate their voices.

Shelley Farrington thanked the Board for putting performing arts back on the agenda and hopes it will be resolved with a positive impact on the students.

Avery Farrington is a Junior at SJSHS. She is a member of the PA departments for 8 years. She has permission from her fellow performing arts students to speak – it is a shared statement. She read a statement regarding their disappointment regarding the decision at the last meeting. The students trust Mr. & Mrs. Waite with whatever plan they come up with. She thanked the Board members who voted “yes” at the last meeting.

Beth Sulander stated she would like to understand why the decision was made not to allow the PA students to practice in person. There doesn't seem to be CDC or DOE guidelines that would prevent them from practicing in person.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings October 6 and October 20, 2020, barring any errors or omissions.

**Motioned by:** Richard Angotti

**Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 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 #21-10 in the amount of \$191,331.89 on November 5, 2020.

**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 #21-15 in the amount of \$136,227.62 on November 5, 2020.

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

**Board Discussion:**

There are many COVID-related supplies in this AP. We have applied for additional grant funds.

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

**VII. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's nomination of and authorize the Superintendent to hire a one year teacher for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.**

**Motion:** To approve the Superintendent's nomination and authorize the Superintendent to hire Leah Malcolm as a one-year Grade 3 Teacher for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year at step 0 with a Bachelor's \$36,500, prorated to 136 days \$27,576.72.

**Motioned by:** Peter Jamieson      **Seconded by:** Richard Angotti

**Board Discussion:**

She is very qualified. She is conditionally certified as a teacher. We are pleased to have her on board. We will hold her Title I Ed Tech III position for her.

We have grant money to cover through December 31 or possibly January 31, then it will have to come out of the regular budget.

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

**VIII. Discussion of replacing virtual fine arts co-curricular with in-person**

The School Board should be focusing on policy and procedures. This doesn't seem to be a School Board decision. The Chair's recommendation is to hand this over to administration and let them handle it.

The Board agreed to let administration handle this situation within the guidelines.

The Superintendent stated he and Ms. Peavey will meet with Mr. Waite in the morning to work out the details. He feels they can work this out. This proposal is for the next 4 weeks and deals exclusively with the fall performing arts. The MPA has not come out with winter guidelines yet.

**IX. Reopening Plan Update**

The Superintendent reviewed the next 8 week plan beginning Monday, November 9. All students who want to attend in-person will attend Monday-Thursday and all students will be virtual on Friday. We need to work on our virtual attendance numbers.

Warren Steward thanked Kevin Gregory for his 11½ years of service on the School Board. He decided not to run again this year. He also wished Richard Angotti good luck in the election.

**6:30 PM**

**X. To see if the Board will enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) student discipline**

**Motion:** To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) student discipline including Beth Peavey

**Motioned by:** Richard Angotti

**Seconded by:** Peter Jamieson

**Board Discussion:**

None

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

**Time In:** 5:49 PM    **Time Out:** 6:15 PM

**Result of executive session:**

**Motion:** Return Student A to school on Monday, November 9, 2020, with possible evaluation and with a contract.

**Motioned by:** Richard Angotti

**Seconded by:** Peter Jamieson

**Board Discussion:**

None

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

**XI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

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

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

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton  
Superintendent of Schools