

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019  
4:30 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present
Jeffrey Gordon	Excused
Kevin Gregory	Excused
Michael Jewers	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present
Makayla Pepper, Student Representative	Excused

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 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 October 8, October 22, and October 29, 2019, barring any errors or omissions.

**Motioned by:** Richard Angotti

**Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**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 #20-10 in the amount of \$151,333.40 on November 7, 2019.

**Motioned by:** Richard Angotti

**Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**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 #20-14 in the amount of \$150,601.28 on November 7, 2019.

**Motioned by:** Richard Angotti

**Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**Board Discussion:**

None

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

**VII. Discussion of the 2019 Maine School Board Association Fall Conference**

The Board members who attended the Fall Conference October 24 & 25 relayed information from the clinics they attended.

**VIII. Discussion of the Superintendent's trip to China**

The Superintendent gave an overview of his trip to China. He visited sister schools Li Ren and Junyi.

**IX. Department Reports**

**Makayla Pepper, Senior Student Representative:**

October 26 - Halloween Dances were held for Stearns students grades 6-12.

October 25- The alumni pep band members came back to play in honor of Mark DiBona at the senior football game.

The peer counselors sold baked goods at one of the football games and donated the profits to a student for his mother's funeral costs.

The Senior class sold Yankee Candles as a fundraiser.

The Junior Class did a "Pie in the Face" fundraiser. They had boxes set up with Mr Brown, Ms Jandreau and Mrs Brookers faces on them. Mrs Brooker got the pie in the face at the Senior football game.

**Sharon Daring, Food Service Manager:**

Report of time:

Completed 10/07-18/2019: 7.33 days/190 for a total of 52.83/190

Completed 10/21-11/1/2019: 9.33 days/190 for a total of 62.16/190

Everything is going well at both kitchens.

**Cody Clinton, Technology Coordinator:**

September included a number of projects and tasks.

Worked 20 Days at an average of 9.18 hours per day.

The biggest project of this month was to build, setup, install, and troubleshoot all brand new computers for the Granite Street Computer Lab. This project was a pretty involved one, but was completed with great success, and, so far, the testing has been going off without any major issues! We will get this Lab set up with more software and technology application shortly in order to have the students benefit from the technology as best as we can facilitate for them!

I have, this month, also invested time in researching our existing server, data, and network management systems. In order to upgrade the software and hardware to the most advanced and most appropriate set up possible, I must have a solid track of what we currently have and how efficient it is. I have done some independent research, some inventorying of regular uses and demands, as well as research into the various options available to us.

I have discovered that we have included in our Microsoft Volume License, a new licensed version of the updated Windows Server Operating system. So we will be able to implement that in our new/updated server system without having to include any additional budget concerns.

In addition to the server and network research I have been researching additional resources and programs that can incorporate technology into our curriculum and classrooms. I am working with the GT program to acquire some new computing devices which will allow her to teach robotics and programming. I am also working with Art, and Mr McLean's curriculum to incorporate some on screen display Graphics tablets which will allow these three programs and the elementary school to incorporate more digital learning, and creativity throughout their curriculum.

We will start diagramming and inventorying our networks and equipment in the next couple of months, but my current focus has been getting all the teachers and students day to day needs taken care of, and second to that, preparing for the server upgrade which must be completed by January when Microsoft discontinues any and all support for Windows Server 2008, which is our current Server OS.

## October Summary

I worked 17 days with an average work day of 14.91 hrs.

This month I started a few online courses in the fields of network management and computer networking in preparation for setting up installing, and troubleshooting the new servers that will be installed at Granite Street, and Stearns.

I identified a major issue with the Granite Street WiFi network in that the control server for the new Ruckus access points was setup on a trial version of an operating system, and can no longer be accessed, this led me to discover a fairly new (within 2 years old) server machine that was plugged in but not actually doing anything. This machine has now been repurposed as the new server for Granite Street, and the Ruckus Control Zone packet can then be installed on it once it has been completely setup and put into use.

We have decided to introduce a new software interfaces, BrainPOP, into our Granite Street Computer class that will allow Mrs Malcolm to re-enforce in the computer lab the content that the kids are learning in their homerooms, thus deepening the quality of their learning.

The Graphics tablets have been a wonderful success at Stearns, students are engaging in their work, and going above and beyond with their assignments in Mr McLean's and Ms Dwyer's classes. Mr McLean has reported multiple cases of students turning around behavior issues in favor of showing up early to work on projects for his class, while Ms Dwyer has reported of students exploring new ideas and concepts while using them. For those who do not know, a graphics tablet is basically a monitor that has a pen instead of a mouse. The graphics tablets are allowing the students to engage with technology on a different level, creating more immersive levels of student engagement and success.

We will continue to roll out additional technologies and applications to increase workflow, student engagement, and connectivity, the new granite Street server setup should be ready to go live over Thanksgiving break so as not to disrupt any of the daily duties of the Granite Street server system.

### **Louis DiFrederico, Facilities Director:**

The month of October is typically devoted in large part to fall athletics in preparation for games and the field lining, maintenance and care associated with the fall outdoor season. This was assisted by the purchase of a new utility vehicle that is an integral part of maintaining the athletic complex. This replaces the 1990's vintage rover that was no longer safe for use.

I was also able to rebuild and revive the pioneer paint field lining machine which had been unusable due to several mechanical issues. This was an expensive piece of equipment that is now functional and important to the field preparation process.

I was also able to make repairs to the football field scoreboard that suffered from sum damage during last winter. The field scoreboard is nearing 20yrs old and typically requires work before each season to regain functionality.

Between Stearns and Granite I annually inspect all roof membranes before the winter season. I made more than 10 repairs to problem areas on the roof including punctures, tears, torn seams,

and leaking roof extrusions. I was also able to fabricate a new aluminum bell cover for one of the main cafeteria air handlers on the roof. This cover protects the motor from the weather and seals the unit. Costs to order a new one was \$750 but I was able to make one out of aluminum we had on hand.

I was able to rebuild the blower unit and bearings on one of the classroom univents in the business science wing to hopefully keep it functional thru the winter. These units are the 48yr old units slated to be replaced. I currently have 2 other units that need to be addresses as they are currently not functional. I also had Honeywell replace piping on a classroom uninvent at Granite Street as it had developed a steam leak and was dumping steam into the classroom.

Much time has also been devoted to keeping the telephone system at Granite Street up and running. The system runs off a server which is going on 11 years old. This is a long time for any piece of computer equipment to be up and running 24hrs a day! The telephone sets themselves are also failing and I am having to work on these continually. New sets are no longer manufactured so buying reconditioned telephones in now the only option. The system is now requiring almost daily maintenance to keep it viable and I will be meeting with CTI next week, the company that originally installed the equipment to explore what our options are regarding the Granite Street telephone system moving forward.

A thorough cleaning of the wood shop was done after Maine Heritage Timber moved out. This involved blowing down all the lights, ceilings and walls as well as the unit heaters as much wood dust had accumulated on every surface. I was able to make repairs to the overhead garage door to get it fully operational again. We are now storing school vehicles, equipment, unused desks and furniture in the building.

The sliding front window for public access to the Granite Street office has been installed as well as mirrors located in the lobby and hallway for clearer visibility from the office of students and public in the front lobby area.

With the help of Cody in IT who put together a computer from Ruth Reusables, I was able to upgrade the Stearns Office security camera monitoring system to the new Hikvision System allowing for multiple views of the building for the Stearns office staff which is very helpful for them in locating students, staff and administration around the building when needed.

At Granite I built wall partitions in the behavior classroom in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade wing. I was able to use materials we had in storage at Stearns to construct partitions dividing half the classroom into 3 separate cubicles for individual instruction. Much time and thought had to be given to this construction as this had to be built extremely solid given the nature and use of this room.

### **Joshua McNaughton, PreK-5 Assistant Principal:**

**NWEA Assessment:** A big thank you to Ms. Malcolom for her smooth transition into our computer lab position. She quickly learned the NWEA assessment system and was able to assist teachers in assessing our students. We completed our fall assessments on Friday, October 25th.

**Halloween:** Thank you to the Millinocket Police Department and the Millinocket Recreation Department for providing our students with Halloween goodies and glow in the dark sticks to help keep our students safe.

**Katahdin Learning Project:** KLP is up to great things! They are now providing our students with an exciting field trip that incorporates a lesson on Donn Fendler, hiking and the history of Lunksoos. Our Pre K students went on October 30th with grades K, 3, and 4 to follow in the next few weeks. Thank you, Kala Rush, for organizing this great learning experience for our students!



**Math Curriculum:** The month of October has been about teachers and our Title I interventionist exploring the aspects of the Origo Math program. This is one of many math curriculums we are exploring in our efforts to adopt and new curriculum that brings unity across grade levels.

**Book Fair and Family Night:** Our book fair was once again a success due to the hard work of Rose Raymond and our many volunteers. Thank you to Baxter State Park for presenting during our family night.

**Technology:** Cody Clinton is now obtaining iPads for students and teachers at Granite to pilot. This pilot phase will help us determine which devices best serve our students as we gear up to make purchases in the near future with money provided from our Title V grant.

Cody has also continued his efforts to make our internet service more reliable. The building experienced numerous outages throughout the month of October.

**LiveSchool:** LiveSchool is a program Granite is piloting, designed to track, reward, and improve student behavior. This system gives us the capabilities to track each specific behavior incident and to create reports based on individual or school-wide data. Being able to identify trends in behavior will allow us, as educators, the opportunity to provide direct instruction on specified behavioral expectations. The reward feature of the program will help our teachers track student success in regards to school behavior expectations. More to come as our experience with this program grows.

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

Fiscal Year 2019/2020 work days to date: 79/220

Below is a sample of what's happening at Stearns Junior Senior High School:

Stearns/Schenck Football coached by Cody Herring and Josh Studer ended the season on Friday. It was the first playoff appearance by the football team since 2012.

They played the Mattanawcook Academy/Lee Academy/PVHS combined team on Friday, November 1, 2019 in Lincoln. The Minutemen lost the contest 33-6. However, during this season the Minutemen have: Scored more points offensively than previous 2 years combined and started the season with the largest Roster since 2009 (32 players, including 9 from Schenck).

Varsity Field Hockey completed the season with a record of 6 wins and 8 losses and did not make a play-off appearance this year.

Sue Buzzell and The peer counselors have done bake sales at all the home football games. They are planning to do a 2 day bake sale at the Marathon and have started planning for the annual auction which is scheduled for Feb. 25.

Sue Buzzell and the Jr High Upstanding Youth is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive Nov.4-15. to benefit the Stearns food pantry. The homeroom that collects the most items will win a donut party from Dunkin.

Ed Boynton and the High School Jazz Band has been practicing BLUE SKIES and MANTICA for festival competition. The group consists of 11 members with one from East Millinocket. Junior High Jazz Band currently has 7 members.

Anna Loomis is once again coaching our middle school Girls on the Run / Heart and Sole team is in its second season this fall. We have 8 participants and 3 coaches. In this program, which is part of the international organization Girls on the Run, girls train for and complete a 5k run while following a curriculum related to social-emotional skills, self-confidence, healthy relationships, boundary setting, and more. This Tuesday, 10/29, the girls completed their practice 5k around the Stearns campus with the support of coaches, family members, and community members. Every girl finished the 5k. Next Sunday, 10/10, the team will travel to Pineland Farms in New Gloucester to complete our final 5k with all of the other Girls on the Run team from the state of Maine.

Kristi Mackin and the Student Council worked hard to put on a spirit week along with Fall Fun Night. They are getting ready to help put on a Veterans Breakfast for the community as well as a food drive for the Thanksgiving Holiday season. Also coming up is a Christmas Coffee for the whole school and a Winter Formal for the high school.

Laura Dwyer has started a Mock Trial Team that will attend competition on November 16th. She has also started a high school and middle school newspaper with the 1st edition to be released next week online.

She is the Freshman Advisor - The Freshman class coordinated the HS Halloween Dance and is planning a Pie Drive for the month of November. They are planning a Valentine's Community Spaghetti Supper on February 8th. They have completed one bottle drive and have two additional ones scheduled. They are planning on a toy drive and Secret Stocking event.

Laura is also taking on the role as HS Science Fair Advisor, Chess Club Advisor, and Ping Pong Advisor with Mrs. Hakes and Vickie Baron.

She is forming a team to participate in Destination Imagination and she will be the HS Coach. For more information: <https://www.destinationimagination.org>

Rick McGibbon's Juniors and Seniors in World History are currently working on a combined Video for the Veteran's Day Project. In the past each class (blue or white) created its own video but knowing the length of the program, they decided to create one which is requiring far more coordination than past videos. Their due date is Nov. 6th for the program on the 8th.

Doug Kranich is leading all of the **Jr High math teams** (grades 6, 7-8, & 9) and they have started meeting weekly. Our first math meet is at the Medway Middle School on Friday Nov 15 and will include teams from Lee, Lincoln, and Medway.

Mr. Kranich also runs our grades 6-8 Outdoor Ed. Elective. They have borrowed bikes for the past three weeks from the Millinocket Library for every student. The class rides have averaged 5 miles in every direction from school, exposing places most students have never been in Millinocket. On Saturday, Nov 2, Anna Loomer and Doug Kranich took four students to Hammond Ridge to ride the 5 mi Mtn bike loop.

MOEP (Maine Outdoor Education Program) full day Field trips have been enjoyed by each of grades 6-8 up at Grindstone along the East Branch. Each of the fall trips have been mountain biking along the river. XC skiing trips are scheduled for the winter. Kayaking trips are scheduled for the spring.

The Stearns Sport Boosters just finished another football season with the concession stand clearing \$1,378.00 in profit. There has been a change in leadership this year with Sandy Brooker, Amanda Welsh, and Molly Jamieson as leaders. They wish to send a big thank you to all those who volunteer to make this possible! The High School Fall Sports Banquet will be held Tuesday, November 12th. Our biggest project this year is to help fund the desperately needed maintenance to the Football and Field Hockey fields. Currently, Athletic Boosters are focusing on the upcoming basketball season.



Friday, November 8th, is the date that Stearns plans to celebrate our area Veterans. Terry Given is organizing the event. The day begins with a free breakfast, served to Veterans by Student Council members, at 8:00 am. The Veteran's program begins in the gym at 9:00 am.

Matt and Danielle Waite are preparing the Performing Arts for the Fall Musical which is titled; Back to the 80's, The Totally Awesome Musical. Performances will be from November 21-23 and tickets are on sale starting Tuesday, November 5th at the cost of 5.00 per ticket. The musical promises to be humorous as well as nostalgic for anyone who remembers the 80's.

## **X. Superintendent's Report**

Report of time:

Completed through June 30, 2015, 260/210  
Completed Work days July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 261/210  
Work days July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 293/210  
Work Days July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018: 263/220  
Work Days July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 267/220  
Work days July 1, 2019 to present 97/220  
Vacation days remaining: 30/30

We have successfully filled the Spanish position. We still have 5 Ed Tech II or III positions still open.

The international students have acclimated to our school. We now have two students from Guatemala who are attending for a couple of months, along with our 10 students from China and an AFS student from Europe.

Building maintenance has progressed. The buildings are in excellent shape thanks to the hard works this summer.

We will be ready for more sub-committee meetings once the election is complete. We also can begin some work on policy in the near future.

Our special education population is increasing. The number now stands at 132 students with referrals in progress. This does not include the 504 population.

My work in China went well. We have projected 11 students attending Stearns next year with 15 for the following year. I have met with the parents and this seems a solid number. Our work continues in Junyi. They are pleased to continue the partnership, but are concerned about new schools opening in Beijing with a source from Canada.

I am pleased with the progress in both the technology and the building and grounds departments. Many updates are happening and progress is being made.

## **XI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

**Motion by:** Richard Angotti

**Seconded by:** Warren Steward

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

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Tuesday, November 19, 2019, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, December 3, 2019, Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, December 17, 2019, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, December 31, 2019, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton  
Superintendent of Schools