

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

Jeffrey Gordon	Present (arrived at 4:30 PM)
Kevin Gregory	Present
Michael Jewers, Chair	Present
Margaret Manzo	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Michael B. Jewers Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

XI. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) Informal Student Discipline

III. Public Comment

None

IV. 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 #18-10 in the amount of \$146,279.91 on November 9, 2017.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

V. 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 # 18-16 in the amount of \$138,884.80 on November 9, 2017.

Motioned by: Warren Steward

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VI. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings October 10 and October 24, 2017, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. Discussion of cell phone use in school

Board Discussion:

Sample policies have been received from Maine School Management and they will be forwarded to the Policy Committee. Staff input will also be sought.

VIII. Discussion of the Fall Conference

Board Discussion:

The Board presented information from the various clinics they attended at the Fall Conference. They all agreed the Conference was helpful.

IX. Administrative Reports

PreK-5 Assistant Principal Deborah Levesque reported:

Granite Street held the first Family Fun Night for this year on Thursday, October 26 with a fall theme. One of the stations that visitors went to was about our new standards report cards. We had positive feedback and are looking forward to trying them out the first part of December. This evening was well attended with 97 students being represented. Increasing family involvement is one of the goals that we have for our school this year.

With attendance in mind, the Climate Committee is going to sponsor a theme each early release day in order to encourage students to attend, even though it is only a short day. Last month students and staff were asked to wear something with a sports theme. Mrs. Cassidy's room had the most participation and won the privilege of keeping our "Bee" in their room until the next early release. We also had 2 classrooms with perfect attendance that day.....Mrs. Waite and Mrs. Rollins. They had a class picture taken which will be posted in the lobby.

Teachers and Title staff have been looking closely at student data during PLC meetings recently. We use two assessments to discuss student progress and make plans for interventions. Even though we are not formally identifying Title students, students are receiving the support that they need. We have even started working some enrichment groups into day.

Granite Street K-5 participated in the Veteran's Day celebration last week. The students were well behaved and benefit from learning about our veterans and the sacrifices that they have made for our country.

Granite Street will go to Walker Auditorium on Wednesday, November 8 to see a performance of part of the play "Annie". This is always a great event for our children to view the talents of students that they know. It will be the first time using the new auditorium seats, which will be exciting.

Board Discussion:

None

6-12 Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Christopher Gosselin reported:

I am pleased to share the following honors which have been awarded to our student athletes and Field Hockey Coach.

Coach Heather Girsra - Penobscot Valley Conference Coach of the Year - 2017

Peighton Ingersoll(12) - Northern Maine All State Team 2017

Renee Pelletier(12) - WCSH Varsity Club Player

2017 PVC All Academic Seniors for Field Hockey

Renee Pelletier
Sidney Farquhar
Peighton Ingersoll
Elizabeth Fiske
Marissa Marter

These are incredible accomplishments for our team and they are to be commended for their commitment to academics and sports teams.

Veterans Day Recognition Assembly to be Highlighted

Ms. Given / Custodial Staff / Band and Chorus both schools

District 5 Band and Orchestra Highlights

Special Thanks to Mr. Ed Boynton and Mr. Matt Waite

BAND

McKenzie Friel - alto sax
Amelia Morrison - alto sax
Sean McGibbon - trombone
HL Hager – percussion

ORCHESTRA

Katlyn Marcin - violin
Abigail Masina-Sanders - violin

Board Discussion:

The cooperative agreement for football worked well.

Facilities Director Louis DiFrederico reported:**Board Discussion:**

Mr. DiFrederico was working on the gym floor, but Warren Steward reported that lights were put up in the alleyway at Granite Street School, which will curtail vandalism and cameras will be put up after the gym floor has been completed.

X. Superintendent's Report**Superintendent/PreK-12 Principal Francis Boynton reported:**

Report of time:

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

Completed Work days July 1, 2015 to June 30, 261/210

Work days July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 293/210

Work Days July 1, 2017 to present: 95/220

Vacation days remaining: 30/30

I wish to extend my compliments to the staff, students, and especially Terry Given for the excellent celebration of Veterans Day on Thursday, November 2, 2017. The Veterans really appreciate this event. We did move the event one week early so the custodial staff will be able to refinish the gymnasium floor prior to the start of basketball season.

The gym floor will be refinished over the next two weeks. The plans include repainting all of the lines and items under the floor. This will take approximately two weeks to complete and the process began on November 6, 2017.

I will approach the town shortly for the funds from the capital improvement fund to complete the technology upgrades we discussed earlier. Due to the power outage in southern Maine, the exact figures have not yet been produced, but I do expect to have those shortly.

The theater performances of “Annie” will take place this weekend, with shows Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A huge amount of work goes into this production and the benefits are well worth the effort.

On Monday December 4, we will have a meeting with the Commissioner at KATEC, regarding his view on consolidation. The Board Representatives, Our Katahdin, and the Superintendents will be present.

I would like to publically thank Mrs. Margaret Manzo for her work with the Board for the last three years. It has been a privilege working with her and she will most definitely be missed as a member of the Board.

Board Discussion:

The Board members echoed the Superintendent’s praise of Margaret Manzo. They are very appreciative of her service and she will be missed.

4:45

XI. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) Informal Student Discipline

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) Informal Student Discipline including Christopher Gosselin

Motioned by: Margaret Manzo

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 4:37 PM **Time Out:** 5:10 PM

Result of executive session:

No action as result of executive session

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.

Motion by: Margaret Manzo

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, November 21 – Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, December 5 – Regular Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, December 19 – Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools