

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING  
STEARNS JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM  
PUBLIC IN-PERSON OR BY ZOOM  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023  
4:30 PM**

Kevin Gregory	Present
Kevin Libby	Present
Thomas Malcolm	Present
Donald Raymond	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Dr. Shelley Lane, Superintendent	Present
Gracyn Sanders, Senior Student Rep	Present
Hailey Aldridge, Junior Student Rep	Present

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Warren Steward, School Board Chair.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Adjustments to the Agenda**

A report from Business Manager Rhonda Casey will be provided during Administrative Reports.

**IV. Public Comment**

The Chair welcomed our new Junior Class Student Representative Hailey Aldridge.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the School Board Meeting October 10, 2023, barring any errors or omissions.

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory

**Seconded by:** Kevin Libby

**Board Discussion:**

None

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

**VI. 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 PR24-9 in the amount of \$137,916.25 and PR24-9D in the amount of \$72,079.32 on October 26, 2023 and PR24-10 in the amount of \$144,539.61, PR 24-10D in the amount of \$74,415.78, MainePERS 24-3 in the amount of \$41,848.67,

MainePERS 24-4 in the amount of \$10,057.61, MainePERS 24-5 in the amount of \$32,275.42, MainePERS 24-6 in the amount of \$7,930.27 and MainePERS 24-7 in the amount of \$3,189.28 on November 9, 2023.

**Motioned by:** Thomas Malcolm

**Seconded by:** Donald Raymond

**Board Discussion:**

None

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

**VII. 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 AP 24-12 in the amount of \$33,162.13, AP24-13 in the amount of \$119,001.39 and SA24-6 (student accounts) in the amount of \$1,694.25 on October 26, 2023, and AP24-14 in the amount of \$73,819.34, SA24-7 (student accounts) in the amount of \$9,289.39 and SA24-8 (student accounts) in the amount of \$5,031.06 on November 9, 2023.

**Motioned by:** Kevin Libby

**Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

**Board Discussion:**

None

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

**VIII. First Reading of Policy Revisions**

**Motion:** To approve the first reading of the following revised policies:

JKAA Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion  
JKAA-R Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion

**Motioned by:** Donald Raymond

**Seconded by:** Kevin Libby

**Board Discussion:**

We use Safety Care for restraint and seclusion. Jolene Maynard and Jill Potvin are trained to train the staff. These policies are being changed to meet the new Maine laws.

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

**IX. To see if the Board will accept the Gloria C. MacKenzie Foundation award**

**Motion:** To accept the Gloria C. MacKenzie Foundation award of \$18,000.

**Motioned by:** Donald Raymond

**Seconded by:** Kevin Libby

**Board Discussion:**

Taylor Sulander wrote the grant. We plan to purchase MacBook Airs for the Granite Street School Computer Lab. The Board thanked her for writing the grant.

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

**X. Veterans Day Celebration Overview**

Ms. Terry Given spoke to the Board about the program that will take place at Stearns on Thursday, November 9.

**XI. New Hires**

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Stp</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Giberson, Kevin	Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	1	1	\$3,600
Cullen, Nicholas	Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	10	10/11	\$4,800
Brown, Terrance	JV Boys Basketball Coach	2	2	\$2,000
Alley, Emma	JV Girls Basketball Coach	3	3	\$2,200
Mooney, Patrick	JH Boys Basketball Coach	7	12	\$2,600
Girsa, Stephen	JH Girls Basketball Coach	1	3	\$1,600
Harmon, Kristen	Varsity Winter Cheering Coach	1	1	\$3,600
Campbell, Nicole	JH Winter Cheering Coach	1	4	\$1,800
Kranich, Douglas	Varsity Basketball Timer	15	12	\$1,600
Kranich, Douglas	JH Basketball Timer	34	12	\$1,100

**XII. Fall Conference Discussion**

The Board shared their experiences regarding the Fall Conference on October 26 and 27, in Augusta.

**XIII. Student Representative Reports**

**Senior Student School Board Representative Gracyn Sanders reported:**

- Stearns varsity Field Hockey has wrapped up their season with a playoff game lost to Dirigo 2-0. Their record was 7-6-1
- Stearns varsity Football is on their way to Northern Maine Championship against Orono. They beat Bucksport 46-14 on Tuesday, October 31.
- Veterans Day Ceremony is on November 9th and National Honor Society will be hosting a Veterans Day breakfast before the ceremony. Ms. Given will be also speaking throughout the ceremony. K-12 will in attendance.

- The Seniors will also be in charge of creating a video for the ceremony. We will be asking students in the Millinocket Stearns system what Veterans Day means to them.

**Junior Student School Board Representative Hailey Aldridge reported:**

- We as a Junior class just recently voted on a prom theme for the 2024 Prom. Our theme is Miami Nights and will be decorated in a fun, beachy neon light decorated ambience.
- We have also recently done a fundraiser for our Junior Class to raise money for our prom, selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits to various friends and family of students.
- Our Performing Arts department is doing a show this fall, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory! Tickets have recently gone on sale, and the shows are on the nights of November 16th, 17th and 18th.
- Our Mock Trial team had the opportunity to witness a federal court case in Bangor to help benefit them towards their competition on Saturday, November 18th.

**XIV. Administrative and Program Reports**

**Mia Charette, Food Service Coordinator reported:**

- Our food service teams served 5,176 breakfasts, and 6,074 lunches in the month of September.
- We have purchased two new refrigeration units and one freezer unit using our HMI grant funds. One refrigeration unit will be used at Stearns to replace an old, unreliable unit. The other refrigeration unit and the freezer will be used at Granite Street. Unfortunately, one of the refrigeration units was damaged in shipping. The repairs are underway and are 100% covered with the warranty. Once repaired, the addition of these units more than doubles the cold storage space we have available at this school.
- There have been milk shortages nationwide and we have been informed by our local dairy representative that we could potentially be affected in the near future. The shortages stem from a lack of cartons for the milk. We have yet to see any issues, but the possibility for shortages is expected through the end of January. State agencies are working with child nutrition programs to find solutions and milk alternatives.

**Rhonda Casey, Business Manager reported:**

She gave an update of the school's current budget status.

**Cody Clinton, Technology Director reported:**

None

**Louie DiFrederico, Facilities Director reported:**

None

**Jolene Maynard, Special Ed Administrator reported:**

- At the end of the month of October we have the following number of students enrolled with the following:  
IEP's - 111 (which is down 1)  
504's - 23 (which is down 1)  
Referrals - 9 (which is up 2)  
Number of Meetings - 18 (49 for the year)
- We have received our official letter from the State of Maine stating we have completed our MDOE's special education monitoring program with no further action until the 2025-2026, FY25 when we will need to do this review again.
- We have officially contracted with Danielle McGillicuddy to do our Speech and Language Evaluations as well as do some in person speech therapy services with the hope of adding additional hours, which will help move more kids from teletherapy to in-person speech therapy.
- We continue to revise and update our toileting protocol as issues or concerns arise. This is expected as with all new protocols and procedures.
- Finally, Alyssa LaPorte's class has been doing book clubs and they are on their 3rd book and looking to add more books through her Amazon wishlist. The students are excited and doing a great job.

**Jo-Anna Merry, Granite Street School Principal reported:**

- We had a wonderful book fair and all students were able to take at least one book home to read. A big shout out to Mrs. Corinne Reece for coordinating this event.
- Granite Street had a great Halloween celebration that included a dance party and games in the gym with Ms. Jessica Leach and Mrs. Corinne Reece.
- Goodie bags were delivered to all students and staff by Jody Nelson and Theresa Federico from the Recreation Department.
- The fourth graders researched various famous people and had a living wax museum on November 1st.
- On November 17th, grades 2-5 will have a guest speaker from Bicycle Coalition of Maine to discuss bike safety.
- A team of teachers have applied to the Maine DOE to form a Concept Team. This will provide professional development to the team and the district will be reimbursed up to \$5,000 for subs and after contract hour pay for the team members.

**Nick Cullen, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director reported:**

- I am very pleased to announce that Stearns High School Athletics has received a \$200 grant from Penobscot Area Athletics Association. This grant is designed to provide athletic equipment for students in financial need.

- Fall sports are coming to an end. Our junior high football team had a great season and competed very hard. Junior high field hockey finished 3rd in their league and made it to the semi-finals of the tournament. We celebrated both junior high season with a banquet. Stearns Field Hockey had an amazing season finishing 6th in class C. We were defeated by a very good Dirigo team in the semi-final round. Football is set to face Orono in the LTC championship game on Saturday 11/4 at 7:00 in Orono. Our athletic banquet will be held on 11/8 at 6:00. If any Board Member would like to attend, please do.
- First quarter grades will be finalized and I am excited to see the reports and data to see how effectively Stearns Time is working to help our kids who are struggling.

**Beth Peavey, Stearns Jr/Sr High School Principal reported:**

- Through Year testing data: site is down. Participation
- Esports: Mario Kart team is more than halfway through the season and they are
- undefeated! Rocket Team is improving with another win.
- Vision/Hearing and Height/Weight screenings for students.
- NJHS Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- Student Council ghosts
- NHS

**XV. Superintendent's Report**

- The LUPC meeting went smoothly.
- Flu shot clinics went well - 68 students and 31 staff members got vaccinated. This number is down from prior years. Thank you to School Nurse Katie Carr and MRH for providing this service for us.
- School Board workshop- General message: The world is changing at an unheard-of rate. We must adjust our instruction, delivery methods, content, and assessments or we will not be preparing our students for a healthy, productive future.
- Through the Year assessments have been completed. This is the current State of Maine's annual assessment used to evaluate our school status.
- Met with East, Katahdin and Medway Schools a few weeks ago to explore ideas of shared services. We will meet again tomorrow to continue talks.
- I spent Halloween in the Millinocket area at a Trunk or Treat. It was fun to see so many ghosts and princesses. Thank you to so many for introducing yourselves to me and welcoming me to your community.

- Halloween Parties moved in the direction of our wellness policy. We appreciate the families that helped with that. Our Wellness Ambassador Sandy Brooker will be receiving the \$500 check this week for our staff incentives. Thank you, Sandy.

## **XVI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

**Motion by:** Kevin Gregory

**Seconded by:** Kevin Libby

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

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

December 5, 2023

January 2, 2024

February 13, 2024

March 12, 2024

April 9, 2024

May 7, 2024

June 4, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Shelley Lane  
Superintendent of Schools