

MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017
4:30 PM

Jeffrey Gordon	Present
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 4:30 PM by Michael B. Jewers, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

Move agenda items IX. & X. before VIII.

III. Public Comment

The School Board honored Margaret Manzo and thanked her for her service to the Board, students, and staff, noting her clear minded approach and dedication were appreciated. She will be missed.

Richard Angotti presented a check for \$550 to go along with the \$500 donated by WLBZ for their "2 Those Who Care" award he received recently. The donations will go toward auditorium seats. Chairman Jewers noted he attended the awards ceremony. He reiterated that Mr. Angotti's dedication to our students and community is outstanding.

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 #18-8 in the amount of \$135,596.86 October 12, 2017.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - 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 # 18-13 in the amount of \$476,382.48 on October 12, 2017.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes

0 - No

0 - Abs

VI. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings September 12, and September 26, 2017, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes

0 - No

0 - Abs

VII. To see if the Board will approve the use of capital funds to match an Erate grant for technology upgrades to the infrastructure at Stearns

Motion: To approve the use of capital funds to match an Erate grant for technology upgrades to the infrastructure at Stearns.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent relayed that this is an opportunity that can only be used for switches, hubs and wiring. The approved amount is no less than \$28,000 and could be closer to \$40,000. The Board needs to approve 25% of the capital funds, which will probably be \$9,000 maximum, the exact figure is unknown at this point in time. The Superintendent will request the use of the capital improvement funds that the auditor suggested be paid down. Some of those funds were used last year to improve the infrastructure at Granite Street School. There will be no budget funds used.

Voted: 5 - Yes

0 - No

0 - Abs

IX. Discussion of withdrawal of proficiency-based diploma by the State of Maine

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent relayed the Commissioner's plan to re-work the proficiency-based diploma. We are at a "wait and see" stage until the legislature decides how to proceed.

X. Presentation of the Commissioner's plan of consolidation

Board Discussion:

The three area Superintendents were called to the Commissioner's office to learn that Our Katahdin had approached him to be the catalyst for consolidation. The Superintendent is adamant that a Board representative be part of those discussions. A plan needs to be presented to the Commissioner by November 30. The Superintendents are working on a plan for shared Special Education, athletics, Food Service, and transportation.

VIII. Review of Fall Conference Delegate Information

Board Discussion:

The Board reviewed the delegate information for the Fall Conference and agreed on the delegate's course of action on each item.

XI. Administrative Reports

PreK-5 Assistant Principal Deborah Levesque reported:

Board Discussion:

Third Grade Teacher Debra Mooney relayed to the Board that her daughter Alex wrote a grant to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for 24 iPads, cases, and a cart. A \$9,000 check arrived last week and through some other grant funds, 32 iPads are being purchased, which will allow each third grader access to one. First Grade Teacher Danielle Waite relayed to the Board that she has been using the website Donors Choose for classroom items. She has received 3 iPads to date and has been working on items for flex space for her students. The Board thanked both teachers for their proactive approach to meet our students' needs.

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

None

Facilities Director Louis DiFrederico reported:

None

XII. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent/PreK-12 Principal Francis Boynton reported:

None

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, October 24 – Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, November 7 – Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, November 21 – Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools