

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD IN-PERSON; PUBLIC BY ZOOM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021
6:00 PM**

Michelle Brundrett	Present
Hilary Emery	Present
Peter Jamieson	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Dr. Joshua McNaughton, Superintendent	Present
Jillian Harper, Student Representative	Present at 6:25 PM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Peter Jamieson, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

III. Public Comment

Stephanie Jamieson noted there is a PTO meeting on Wednesday, October 20, at 6:30 PM for interested participants.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings October 5, 2021, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Warren Steward

Seconded by: Hilary Emery

Board Discussion:

Hilary Emery noted the 2nd paragraph under item XII regarding the COVID SOP Report. She asked for clarification for the information regarding quarantined students virtual use of Canvas and/or direct instruction. The Superintendent will attach a clarifying statement to the minutes.

Voted: 4 - 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 #22-9 in the amount of \$152,575.95 on October 21, 2021.

Motioned by: Hilary Emery

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - 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 # #22-12 in the amount of \$36,312.32 and #22-13 in the amount of \$190,212.97 on October 21, 2021.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett **Seconded by:** Hilary Emery

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. To see if the Board will release funds from the Granite Street Activities Funds to the PTO

Motion: To release the PTO funds in the Granite Street School Activities Fund to the PTO.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett **Seconded by:** Hilary Emery

Board Discussion:

The Board approved PTO separation. We heard from the auditors that the money can be released based on Board approval. It was clarified that the PTO is no longer affiliated with the school, but no reason for distrust.

There was discussion regarding the donation of funds by individuals while they were affiliated and what the separation means.

Voted: 3 - Yes 1 - No (Warren Steward) 0 - Abs

VIII. Sale of old technology information

When we have excess technology, the information is brought before the Board. During COVID, the State donated hotspot tablets for internet-related issues for families. Fire Fly Asset Recovery will pay \$60 each for our devices. We have approval from the State to sell these. We hope to replace those with hotspot plug-in type devices, which are not tablets. They give better results.

We have a fair amount of old MacBook Airs that don't work well with our system. Mr. McLean came up with the idea that we will start donating them to families in need, because they don't hold much resale value. They can also be offered to the Seniors going off to college who need a laptop.

The Board supported the sale.

Jillian Harper, the School Board Representative joined the meeting. She was delayed due to confusion regarding where the meeting was held. The Board introduced themselves to Jillian and welcomed her to the Board.

IX. “Newspaper Club” for Granite Street School information

Shelley Farrington proposed this in conjunction with our Gifted and Talented Program. The students will meet weekly for about 45 minutes after school. They will write and share their writing. They will also learn interview skills, along with showcasing their writing.

The Board supports the “Newspaper Club”.

X. Maine Gear-Up Grant information

The funding was not secured for this grant, but the Superintendent has been invited to join a group to look for other funding for this process. The meetings will be December 1 and 2. The Board will be updated as information becomes available.

Jillian Harper expressed she’s thankful to be part of the Board and looks forward to the opportunity.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Motion by: Hilary Emery

Seconded by: Michelle Brundrette

Voted: 4 – Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, November 2, 2021
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
Tuesday, November 30, 2021
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Tuesday, December 28, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua McNaughton, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools