

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE WARRANT MEETING
BOARD IN-PERSON (CONFERENCE ROOM); PUBLIC BY ZOOM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020
5:00 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present
Hilary Emery	Present
Kevin Gregory	Present
Peter Jamieson	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Warren Steward, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

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 #21-9 in the amount of \$156,283.85 on October 22, 2020.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

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 #21-13 in the amount of \$58,953.34 and #21-14 in the amount of \$37,968.99 on October 22, 2020.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VI. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's appointment and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of an Ed Tech III position for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's appointment of and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of Jennifer Bissonnette as an Ed Tech III at step 7 at \$17.60 per hour.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti **Seconded by:** Peter Jamieson

Board Discussion:

We are pleased to have her on board.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. To see if the Board will approve a contract extension for Bragdon Bus.

Motion: To approve the 4 year contract extension with Bragdon Bus as presented.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti **Seconded by:** Peter Jamieson

Board Discussion:

The same prices were extended from last year. This contract gives Bruce Bragdon the ability to purchase buses. The 4 subsequent year prices will be negotiated in the future.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. Fall Conference resolution discussion

Development of Distance Learning Plan – The Board discussed that they are for this resolution.

Building Strong Family Support for Education – Ties into the first resolution. The idea is good, but how do you enforce it? The Superintendent relayed that we have contracts with counseling services for students. The Board supports this resolution.

Equity in Education – The Board agrees with this resolution.

Board Meeting Remote Participation – Participation is easier for the public by remote. Some members believe public participation should be on each item. The Board agreed to support this resolution.

IX. Reopening Plan discussion

The Superintendent relayed that the COVID Team met the last 2 Fridays. The documents presented to the Board are products of those meetings.

November 9 will be the beginning of the next 8 week period and is the open date for any student who wants to come back in-person, with virtual still an option. Calls to parents begin tomorrow. After we get the numbers, we will figure out breakfast and lunch, as well as bus runs. We will continue on an 8 week schedule and reassess at weeks 2, 4 and 6. We are looking at hiring 2 teachers on 8 week schedules for 2 classes at the elementary level, using grant funds. Friday will continue to be a virtual day for all students, with professional development in the afternoon for staff. We will continue to follow CDC guidelines. The Superintendent stated the Board should put this in the hands of administration to get this done.

There was discussion regarding having the new teacher hires for the complete year. The Superintendent stated it will all be based on student numbers and availability of grant money.

Discussion regarding cohort model vs all in-person.

The Board supported administration making decisions as long as the Board is kept in the loop.

The Board thanked the COVID Team, administration and the staff for all the hard work.

X. To see if the Board will replace virtual fine arts co-curricular with in-person

Motion: To approve fine arts co-curricular activities going from virtual to in-person following CDC guidelines.

Motioned by: Peter Jamieson

Seconded by: Hilary Emery

Board Discussion:

Discussion that we allow sports to practice and students all day in classrooms. Is allowing performing arts in-person any different?

Discussion regarding outdoor athletics vs indoor athletics and performing arts.

The Superintendent shared the guidelines that came out yesterday on performing arts.

Voted: 2 - Yes 3 - No (Richard Angotti, Kevin Gregory 0 - Abs
Warren Steward)

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools