

MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015
4:00 PM

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| Jeffrey Gordon | Present |
| Kevin Gregory, Vice Chair | Present |
| Michael Jewers, Chair | Absent |
| Margaret Manzo | Present |
| Warren Steward | Present |
| Francis Boynton, Superintendent | Absent |
| Christopher Brown, Student Representative | Present |
| Deborah Levesque, Acting Superintendent | Present |

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Kevin Gregory, Vice Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

VIIa. To see if the Board will approve a performance of the Fall Musical on Sunday, November 15, 2015, at 3:00 PM.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings on September 8, September 22, and September 29, 2015, barring any errors or omissions.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Vote: 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 #16-8 in the amount of \$164,416.20 on October 8, 2015.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Vote: 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 #16-11 in the amount of \$172,753.75 on October 8, 2015.

Motioned by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

None

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abs

VII. Co-curricular appointments

Motion: To accept the Superintendent’s appointment of Jeffery Daigle as Junior Class Advisor year 1, step 1, \$540.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abs

Motion: To accept the Superintendent’s appointment of Amy Cyr as the Librarian at a stipend of \$30 per hour, not to exceed \$3,000.

Motioned by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

None

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abs

VIIa. To see if the Board will approve a performance of the Fall Musical on Sunday, November 15, 2015, at 3:00 PM.

Motion: To approve a Sunday performance of the Fall Musical on November 15, 2015, at 3:00 PM.

Motioned by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

This is a matinee for children and senior citizens. If there are any cast or crew who won't/cannot participate on a Sunday, other arrangements will be made.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abs

**VIII. First Reading of Policies
EEA Bus Transportation for Students
EFD School Lunch Charging**

Motion: To accept the first reading of the following policies:
EEA Bus Transportation for Students
EFD School Lunch Charging

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

Board Discussion:

The only changes made were to reflect the changes in grade levels at each school.

The Board did not vote right after the first reading. After coming out of executive session, they decided a vote should have been taken.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

IX. Senior Privileges

Board Discussion:

The criteria for senior privileges are the same as last year. Currently there are 15 seniors eligible for senior privileges. This has been a positive benefit that has helped them stay focused.

X. Student Representative Report

Christopher, F, Brown
Senior Class Representative

1. Student Council holds orientation meeting, discussing ideas for events throughout the 2015-2016 school year. Student Council is currently a non-elected position, anyone willing to dedicate their time and effort is allowed to hold member status.
2. Jazz Band is now active for the 2015-2016 school year
3. Fall Musical is underway, great cast and crew
4. All-State audition preparations are underway

Board Discussion:

None

XI. Administrative Reports

Pre-K – 12 Principal Deborah Levesque reported:

Board Discussion:

The Pre-K staff held curriculum training on October 1. The staff is still working through requirements and assessments. The DOE made a site visit last week.

There was a gentleman in the building today to help staff with their TIF assessments. There has been great feedback from staff and the gentleman.

Student Council will be holding Fall Fun Night on October 21, with lots of activities planned. The truck decorating contest will be held on October 23.

The annual Veterans Day celebration will be held on November 10.

Chris Brown was one of 2 students from Maine selected through an audition process for the Macy's Day Parade All-American Band on Thanksgiving Day in New York City.

Assistant Principal/AD Fredy Lazo reported:

This week marks the eighth week of the fall sports seasons. Both the football and field hockey teams are working hard at practice in hopes of finishing their seasons strong.

The football team is coming off a 38-0 loss against Dexter. The coaching staff is game planning for our home matchup this week against Orono. Orono's current record is 3 wins with 2 losses. It will be another difficult match up for our team.

The field hockey team played yesterday. It was a great atmosphere to be a part of. It was our senior game and we honored this year's senior class with a rose ceremony. The girls played well earning a 1-0 victory over the lady hawks of Hermon. The remaining two games will be away for our lady minutemen at Mattanawcook Academy, and at Dexter. They are currently in 6th place in the MPA heal points system.

Please come out and support our teams!

Board Discussion:

We have two students who were grandfathered through an MPA waiver to play soccer this year at Schenck. The MPA stated we will have to work on a different scenario next year.

Facilities Director Louie DiFrederico reported:

None

XII. Superintendent's Report

Report of time:

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

Work days July 1, 2015 to present: 58/210

Vacation days remaining: 20/20

Sick Days remaining: 18.5/20

The Pre-Kindergarten program is well under way. We had our first review on September 30, 2015, by the State grant team. In addition Head Start and CDS have both been very active in the program and program development. We now have 33 students enrolled. We also attended the first workshop and training in Augusta. Also note that Debbie and I completed the DIAL testing on the Pre-Kindergarten students. We were very impressed with the students we tested.

The school year is up and operational. We are moving forward very well. I was able to attend the College Fair on September 28 with the juniors and seniors. Most of the students had a good opportunity to visit with colleges of their choice. Others had the chance to see the possible future for their education.

The Region III Superintendents met in September. Our main topic was the calendar. We will meet in November to try to build a template for the 2016-2017 calendar and meet the State requirements.

I was also able to participate in a Special Education Field trip to Treworgy's Apple Orchard in Levant. I enjoy participating in the school programs at all levels and having the opportunity to work with all of the staff.

We have submitted invoices for the overseas programs that I will be visiting for the next two weeks. The sum of these programs is approaching the estimates that we made. Initially before expenses, we have received \$150,000 for the students at Stearns and another \$5,000 as a program deposit from a Dual Diploma Program school. I hope to report the financial confirmation of the program receipts soon.

As you well know, I am probably somewhere over the Atlantic Ocean, and will wave at you around 4:00 in hopes you wave back.

**XIII. To see if the Board will enter into executive session MRSA § 405(6)(D)
Negotiations**

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D)
Negotiations

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 4:30 PM **Time Out:** 4:45 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To accept the following stipend payments for the Pre-K program:

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| Francis N. Boynton, Co-Pre-K Administrator | \$2,000 |
| Deborah Levesque, Co-Pre-K Administrator | \$2,000 |
| Francis N. Boynton, Co-Pre-K Coordinator | \$2,000 |
| Deborah Levesque, Co-Pre-K Coordinator | \$2,000 |

Motion by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM

Motion by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, October 20 - Warrant Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School library at 4:00PM.

Tuesday, November 3 – Regular Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School library at 4:00PM.

Tuesday, November 17 - Warrant Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School library at 4:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools