

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017  
4:00 PM**

Jeffrey Gordon	Absent
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 4:00 PM by Michael B. Jewers, Chairperson.

**II. Adjustments to the Agenda**

VIIa. To approve the Superintendent's appointment of and authorize the Superintendent to hire an Ed Tech III

**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 #18-6 in the amount of \$132,972.65 September 14, 2017.

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory

**Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 4 - 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 # 18-10 in the amount of \$184,581.14 on September 14, 2017.

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory

**Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings August 1, August 15 and August 29, 2017, barring any errors or omissions.

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VII. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent’s appointment of extra and co-curricular positions**

**Motion:** To approve the Superintendent’s appointment of the following extra and co-curricular positions:

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Mooney, Patrick	JH Boy’s Basketball Coach	1	8	\$1,872
Waceken, Steve	JH Girl’s Basketball Coach	6	6	\$1,728
Kowalski, Sherry	Junior Class Advisor	1	1	\$540
Rutherford, Karla	Varsity Math Team Coach	20	12	\$1,620
Tapley, Mary Ellen	Elementary Accompanist			\$650

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory      **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

**Board Discussion:**

Patrick Mooney is new to the position, but has coached for us many times in the past. Sherry Kowalski and Mary Ellen Tapley are new to their positions.

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VIIa. To approve the Superintendent’s appointment of and authorize the Superintendent to hire an Ed Tech III**

**Motion:** To approve the Superintendent’s appointment of and authorize the Superintendent to hire Sandra Deschaine as an Ed Tech III at an hourly rate of \$12.51.

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory      **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**Board Discussion:**

She worked in Medway, but they had a reduction in staff. We are pleased to have her. This is the last position to be filled, and she will be located at Granite Street.

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VIII. Administrative Reports**

**PreK-5 Assistant Principal Deborah Levesque reported:**

School is back in full swing and students are settling into the daily routines. The transition was smooth and there are lots of happy faces.

PreK enrollment is currently at 27 (a group of 13 and a group of 14). Very manageable class sizes. The largest classes this year are Kindergarten—20 students in each classroom.

The Open House on Tuesday August 30<sup>th</sup> was extremely successful - 84% of our children attended along with an adult. The bus drivers were available to meet students and talk about where the children would be picked up and dropped off. This event certainly goes a long way to help students transition back to school.

The Title I Schoolwide application was approved by the Department of Education. This means that all staff in the building are directing their efforts toward upgrading the entire educational program especially at-risk students. Title I staff have been assigned to classrooms and teachers are working towards developing their support in the most efficient manner.

The school goals outlined in the Title I Schoolwide application are: to decrease the gap between our special education and regular education population on assessments, improve school climate, increase attendance, and evaluate new literacy series in order to recommend a purchase in the future.

**Board Discussion:**

Absenteeism was discussed and the staff is working on ways to combat it.

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

**Board Discussion:**

It was a successful opening of school. One change was made to the time allotted for junior high breakfast. It was adjusted to increase instruction time.

Staff have had positive comments about student behaviors.

We have several new teachers. Mr. Boynton and Mr. Gosselin check on them daily.

The varsity field hockey team is doing very well, with a 5-0 win last night. The varsity football team is struggling with wins, but the team is working hard and building relationships. The new coaching staff is doing very well.

The basketball coaching interviews are being conducted.

There was discussion about the priority of grades for the athletes. There have been serious discussion with the players and coaches and everyone is aware the players will be held to the policy standard.

**Facilities Director Louis DiFrederico reported:**

**Board Discussion:**

It has been a busy beginning of school.

The transformer installation went very well and Mike Rioux and his crew did a great job. There is a potential for \$2,000-\$3,000 from the old transformers, but if the test kit shows PBC, it may cost us money to get rid of them.

Plans are being made with the town crew to dig a 950' trench for underground cable for power to the back fields.

Working on roof repairs, as well as repairs to the athletic buildings.

**IX. Superintendent's Report**

**Superintendent/PreK-12 Principal Francis Boynton reported:**

Our start to school has been very good. It is good to be back in operation. Our student enrollment has initially decreased a little due to a smaller Pre-K (28) at present; however, since the printing of the enrollment numbers, we have enrolled a number of new students at all levels. I expect an overall increase in our enrollment by October 1.

The schedule in both buildings has had some changes but is settling in now to routine. This is beneficial for our programs.

I have received a notice that our lunch program has held a healthy reserve and we have been advised by the state to reduce the surplus with a plan. Good news for the work the kitchen crew has completed.

We have received some good news from the initial audit results and are in the process of finalizing this report. It appears that the debt is paid to the town, we have paid a couple of additional items and will still carry a substantial amount forward.

We have two international students this year one from China and one arriving next week from Germany. We are still working on a couple of others but progress is slow. With respect to our schools in China, progress is going well in some and less so in others. Competition is increasing in the market and we are being challenged. I will have a better handle on this after the October trip. It appears that I will be leaving on about the same schedule as last year. Leaving around October 7 and returning around October 20.

**Board Discussion:**

A Technology Committee Meeting was held. With using 20% capital gains money, which the auditors instructed should be used, and 80% Erate, we are able to make much needed technology upgrades.

We are close to supplying Chromebooks for grades 4-6 students.

**X. To see if the Board will enter into executive session 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) contracts**

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

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory

**Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**Time In:** 4:45 PM    **Time Out:** 5:35 PM

**XI. Result of executive session**

**Motion:** To accept the contracts for Bragdon Busing, Vickie Baron, Dorothy Friel, and Cynthia Ingerson as presented by the Superintendent.

**Motioned by:** Warren Steward

**Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**XII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM.

**Motion by:** Warren Steward

**Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Tuesday, September 26 – Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, October 10 – Regular Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, October 24 – Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton  
Superintendent of Schools