

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD IN-PERSON; PUBLIC BY ZOOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
6:00 PM**

Michelle Brundrett	Present
Hilary Emery	Present - Zoom
Peter Jamieson	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Dr. Joshua McNaughton, Superintendent	Present

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

Erika Mackin asked if there will be opportunity for questions or comments for agenda items? The Chair stated he may allow that.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings September 7, 2021, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Warren Steward

Seconded by: Michelle Brundrett

Board Discussion:

None

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 #22-7 in the amount of \$145,755.39 on September 23, 2021.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett

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 #22-9 in the amount of \$36,312.32 and #22-10 in the amount of \$241,296.15 on September 23, 2021.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. To see if the Board will separate from the PTO due to organizational arrangement

Motion: To separate from the PTO, due to their organizational arrangement.

Motioned by: Michelle Brundrett **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

On December 1, 2020, the School Board approved the organization of the PTO to fall under our policy. They have been working to be their own stand-alone entity. They are non-profit with their own insurance and they have opened up their own bank account. Since the organization doesn't fit into the policy, they will be their own stand-alone entity and they will continue their work for Granite Street School.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. COVID update

The Superintendent reviewed COVID information. He relayed that we are now required to report our staff vaccination rate weekly to the State. Granite Street has a staff vaccination rate of 86% and Stearns 84%; 61% of cases are related to community exposure. We have not reached an outbreak status.

Feedback from the community is that we should take a fresh look at virtual learning during quarantine. The Stakeholders Group will meet on Thursday and that will be discussed.

We have had 4 confirmed cases since the start of the school year, with 46 individuals within the district quarantining due to exposure. The Superintendent stated how pleased he has been with staff and parental decisions. They have kept us safe and the schools open.

Our ESSER 3 Grant worth \$1.7 million has been submitted a week ahead of schedule.

During COVID, every student is allowed a free breakfast and free lunch daily. Parents and students are encouraged to contact the schools if they are unable to come get the meals. They will be delivered. We are asking parents to fill out the free and reduced paperwork.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Motion by: Warren Steward

Seconded by: Michelle Brundrett

Voted: 4 – Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

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