

MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
4:00 PM

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Michael Jewers, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings on August 11, and August 25, 2015, barring any errors or omissions.

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

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 #16-6 in the amount of \$152,698.30 on September 10, 2015.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

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 #16-8 in the amount of \$186,851.67 on September 10, 2015.

Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. Anticipated position appointments and elections

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Dale Morris	Head Junior High Football Coach	1	1	\$1,620

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Patrick Mooney	Assistant Junior High Football Coach	11	10	\$1,512
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Motioned by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Nick Cullen	Junior High Athletic Director			\$2,300
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Motioned by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Karen Giberson Dramatics Music Director 3 3 \$1,260

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Karen Giberson Piano Accompanist \$6,406

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Frank Boynton Co-Pre-K Coordinator Amount to be determined

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

The stipend amount will be brought before the School Board once the Superintendent gets the Pre-K grant funds finalized.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Deborah Levesque Co-Pre-K Coordinator Amount to be determined

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

The stipend amount will be brought before the School Board once the Superintendent gets the Pre-K grant funds finalized.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination to transfer Ramona Cesare from a Special Ed Tech II at an hourly rate of \$14.62 to a Special Ed Tech III at an hourly rate of \$15.20.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

This is needed in order for her to be with students unsupervised. She falls under the grandfathered employees, so her rate is higher than newly hired Ed Tech III's.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination of Jaime McNeal as an Ed Tech III for the Pre-K Program at \$12.76 per hour, 6 hours per day, 173 days for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. She will also be receiving time for the daily bus run.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination of Craig Jones as an Ed Tech III at the Junior High level at \$12.76 per hour, 6 hours per day, 173 days for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. Student Representative Report

Board Discussion:

Christopher Brown, Senior Class Student Representative, stated the start of school went well. He believes the 15 minute later start in the morning makes a big difference to the students. They are also pleased with the blue/white schedule.

The process has begun to find a Junior Class Student Representative.

The Board welcomed him back.

IX. Administrative Reports

Pre-K – 12 Principal Deborah Levesque reported:

Ms. Levesque reported that we have 31 students in Pre-K and 31 in Kindergarten. The first day of Pre-K went well. She and Mr. Boynton filled in on the bus run and other duties to cover for staff until Head Start has hired all their Pre-K staff.

The Summer School students performed well. It's important to these students so their education doesn't fall behind during the summer months.

Ms. Levesque is working on the NCLB and Local Entitlement grants.

Assistant Principal/AD Fredy Lazo reported:

Mr. Lazo reported that both the field hockey and football teams have had a rough start, but they are young teams.

Facilities Director Louie DiFrederico reported:

No report

X. Superintendent's Report

Report of time:

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

Vacation days remaining: 20/20

Sick Days remaining: 18.5/20

Through cooperation with the Medway School Department, our exchange of Region III students will take place at the Medway Middle School. To date it has gone well and seems to be a good opportunity.

Area Superintendents, the Region III Director, and I met with the Commissioner of Education concerning our school calendar in Augusta, because our calendars were apart by 8 days instead of the allowed 5 and our subsidy was threatened. Ultimately, the State had made a one day error, and the Howland Superintendent failed to arrive, but sent a letter stating that he would change his calendar change the remaining 2 days for correction. So, our school calendar is fine as is. I have sent a letter to the Commissioner inviting him to spend some time here in Millinocket. I will keep you apprised if he decides to take me up on the offer.

Unfortunately, due to the visit to Augusta, I was not able to attend the Pre-Kindergarten Open House. I do thank the teachers and staff who handled this very well. Our program is officially licensed, and the remainder of the staffing from Head Start will join us during the month, as their hiring process is rather lengthy. Debbie, the teachers, and I have all received the DIAL training for the evaluations required for our Pre-Kindergarten student. We will all be doing the evaluations.

We have devoted approximately 6 days formally to the TIF program with many hours in between to get grant well underway. We have also spent a significant amount of time with our new staff working to get them comfortable in their new positions.

Our schools are up and operational and all of our students are now attending. Our staff is well prepared for the start of school and our custodians have done a remarkable job getting the buildings ready.

The International Students have arrived after several delays and are all placed in their homestays. They are adapting well to the school environment. I am working with the International schools to plan my trip(s) to China this year. We potentially could accomplish this in one trip if well planned, but I would probably be gone for up to 3.5 weeks in late December-January. The other option would be an October and an April trip of about 2 weeks each. The only certainty is that I will be going.

Thanks to all for their support and a successful start to school.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM

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

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, September 22 - Warrant Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School library at 4:00PM.

Tuesday, October 6 – Regular Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School library at 4:00PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools