

East Millinocket School Board Meeting
April 16, 2020 6:00 pm Zoom Meeting in Cafeteria
Monthly Meeting
Minutes

East Board

Ryan Whitehouse – Chairman – Zoom
Mark Wallace – Vice Chairman – Zoom
Cameron McDunnah - Present
Dan Byron – Zoom
Mark Scally – Present

Student Representatives

Kaylee Perreault - Absent
Colby Hannan – Absent

1. Call to order:
Meeting was called to order by Ryan Whitehouse at 6:02 pm.
2. Adjustments to the agenda: None
3. Approval of the minutes from the March 16, 2020 meeting:

A motion was made by Dan Byron and seconded by Mark Scally to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2020 meeting barring any errors or omissions.

Discussion: None

Vote: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

4. Audience and Communications:
 - A. Public Comment: None
 - B. Student Representatives: N/A
5. Old Business: None

6. New Business:

a. Approval of the 2020-2021 School Calendar

A motion was made by Mark Scally and seconded by Dan Byron to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar.

Discussion: None

Vote: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

b. Approval of #2 fuel oil and propane bids

A motion was made by Mark Scally and seconded by Dan Byron to accept the #2 fuel oil bid from Dead River as presented to the board.

Discussion: None

Vote: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

A motion was made by Dan Byron and seconded by Mark Scally to accept the propane bid from Dead River as presented to the board.

Discussion: None

Vote: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

c. Approval of the 2020-2021 School Budget

Budget

a. Adopt the Proposed Budget for 2020-2021

A motion was made by Mark Scally and seconded by Dan Byron to adopt the proposed 2020-2021 School Budget in the amount of \$4,276,696.75.

Discussion: The budget committee meet 4 times and believes this is a budget that will please the taxpayers, as well as give a quality education.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

b. Approve use of Funds from the School Activity Account: Athletic Receipts/Board Discretion

A motion was made by Dan Byron and seconded by Mark Scally to approve the use of \$12,000 from the School Activity Account: Athletic Receipts/Board Discretion to be applied as a revenue to the 2020-2021 School Budget to offset taxes.

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

c. Approve use of Fund Balance for Carryover/Balance Forward

A motion was made by Mark Scally and seconded by Dan Byron to approve the use of unassigned fund balance as carryover/balance forward in the amount of \$268,382.35 to offset taxes in the 2020-2021 School Budget.

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

d. Funding the Existing Reserve Accounts

i. Capital Maintenance

A motion was made by Mark Scally and seconded by Dan Byron to approve an article on the warrant to **transfer** an amount “not to exceed \$20,000” from Fiscal Year 2020 unexpended funds into the previously established Capital Maintenance Reserve Account, and to approve an article on the warrant to **expend** from this account “not to exceed \$49,685.”

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 5

ii. Fuel Stabilization

A motion was made by Mark Scally and seconded by Dan Byron to approve an article on the warrant to **transfer** an amount “not to exceed \$20,000” from Fiscal Year 2020 unexpended funds into the previously established Fuel Stabilization Reserve Account, and to approve an article on the warrant to **expend** from this account “not to exceed \$60,000.”

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

iii. Special Education

A motion was made by Dan Byron and seconded by Mark Scally to approve an article on the warrant to **transfer** an amount “not to exceed **\$20,000**” from Fiscal Year 2020 unexpended funds into the previously established Special Education Reserve Account, and to approve an article on the warrant to **expend** from this account “not to exceed **\$80,000.**”

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

iv. Regular Instruction

A motion was made by Mark Scally and seconded by Dan Byron to approve an article on the warrant to **transfer** an amount “not to exceed **\$20,000**” from Fiscal Year 2020 unexpended funds into the previously established Regular Education Reserve Account, and to approve an article on the warrant to **expend** from this account “not to exceed **\$40,000.**”

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

e. Establishment of New Reserve Accounts

i. Technology

A motion was made by Mark Scally and seconded by Dan Byron to approve an article on the warrant for the **establishment** of a Technology Reserve Account in an amount “not to exceed **\$10,000**” from Fiscal Year 2020 unexpended funds, and to approve an article on the warrant to **expend** from this account “not to exceed **\$10,000.**”

Discussion: This is a new line item to the reserve account

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

ii. Food Service

A motion was made by Mark Scally and seconded by Dan Byron to approve an article on the warrant for the **establishment** of a Food Service Reserve Account in an amount “not to exceed **\$10,000**” from Fiscal Year 2020 unexpended funds, and to approve an article on the warrant to **expend** from this account “not to exceed **\$10,000.**”

Discussion: This is a new line item to the reserve account

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

- f. Adopt the Proposed Adult Ed Local Budget for 2020-2021

A motion was made by Mark Scally and seconded by Dan Byron to adopt the proposed 2020-2021 Adult Education Local Budget in the amount of \$4,230.01.

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

- d. 1st reading of updated JICI Extra & Co-Curricular Code of Conduct Policy

A motion was made by Mark Scally and seconded by Dan Byron to approve the 1st reading of updated JICI policy.

Discussion: None

Voted: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

- e. Last day of school for the 2019-2020 School Year is June 11th.

Discussion: This could change with the May meeting

- f. Governor & Commissioners remote learning for the remainder of 2019-2020 School Year

A motion was made by Dan Byron and seconded by Mark Scally to approve the Governor & Commissioners recommendation to continue with remote learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Discussion: This is being done by the other schools in our area as well.

Vote: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

7. Administrative Reports:

- A. Principal's report – Mr. Page: See attached report

- B. Financial report – Ms. Milewski: The budget for the 2020-2021 School year has passed.

- C. Special Education and School Counseling report – Ms. Smith reported praise to the Ed Techs, Teachers, Custodians and Kitchen workers who are working very hard to keep things running during this pandemic.
 - D. Athletic Director report – Mr. Montgomery: See attached report
 - E. Medway Middle School report – Mrs. Dickinson: See attached report
 - F. Region III report – Mr. Whitehouse: Region’s next meeting is next week by Zoom
8. Guidance & Superintendent report: Mr. Steeves reported that we received 3 MacKenzie Grants and we will be moving onto the second round. He is working on the freshmen schedules. Our new alarm system is up and running. The staff are using Zoom and Google Classroom to keep in touch with students and each other. Dual Enrollment courses are also continuing.
9. Announcements:
A. Future meeting: On hold for now waiting for DOE/State Govt. guidance
10. Executive Session: Negotiations 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(D)

A motion was made by Mark Scally and seconded by Dan Byron to enter into executive session.

Vote: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

Time In: 6:34 pm Time out: 6:56 pm

Action Taken: The board renewed Mr. Page’s contract for 3 years with the first-year salary being at \$74,675.00. Mr. Page will teach 1 Senior College class for EMCC.

Vote: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

11. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mark Wallace and seconded by Mark Scally to adjourn.

Vote: In favor 5 Time out 6:58 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric W. Steeves

Superintendent of Schools

