

**East Millinocket School Board Meeting
August 25, 2020 5:30 pm
Zoom Monthly Meeting
Minutes**

East Board

Ryan Whitehouse – Chairman-present
Mark Wallace – Vice Chairman-present
Cameron McDunnah-present
Dan Byron-present
Mark Scally- tuned in late

1. Call to order
Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Ryan Whitehouse.

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2. Adjustments to the agenda: **6, C**

3. Approval of the minutes from August 12, 2020 meeting

A motion was made by Dan Byron and seconded by Mark Wallace to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2020 School Board Meeting barring any errors or omissions.

Discussion: None

Vote: In favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

4. Audience and Communications
A. Public Comment: None

5. Old Business:
a. Calendar Adjustment:

A motion was made by Mark Wallace and seconded by Cameron McDunnah to approve the adjustments being made to the school calendar. See attached report

Discussion: _____

Vote: In favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

b. Review and Adjustment of COVID 19 Plan:

A motion was made by Dan Byron and seconded by Mark Wallace to approve the adjustments of the COVID 19 plan.

Discussion: The plan was adjusted on the fly, amended again by the board. Remote option is still in place. There was also a suggestion to bring the elementary students in 2 weeks earlier than the High School. A parent asked how will delaying make a difference? Ryan responded that it is our duty to act on the side of caution. It is better to overreact than to underreact. Ryan also explained that not all our PPE has arrived, and we need time to train our staff appropriately. Mr. Steeves responded that at this time we do not know how many staff have been affected with this recent outbreak. Another parent commented that this has been an eye opener for her, and she thanked everyone on the board for putting the staff and students need first.

The final recommendation and approval were as follows.

Region students can start remotely on September 8th. There will be a 2-week delay with online learning for the first 2 weeks for all students. After the first 2 weeks elementary students will start in house on September 28th and the High School will continue with remote learning until October 5th.

Vote: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

c. Review Athletic Discussion on Fall Sport: Mr. Montgomery reported that at the State level they are still undecided. Our school cancelled summer conditioning. The MPA is holding a meeting later this week. We will know more after their meeting. Our Administration is working together to get our students back in school.

6. New Business:

a. Hiring of .25 Remote Learning Coordinator:

A motion was made by Dan Byron and seconded by Mark Wallace to approve the hiring of Mary McManus as the .25 Learning Coordinator.

Discussion: Mary will be the go between with the students and teacher. She will also help Justin out in emergencies. This is being funded through COVID funding.

Vote: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

b. Hiring of Assistant Technology Coordinator:

A motion was made by Mark Wallace and seconded by Dan Byron to approve Larry Michaud as the Assistant Technology Coordinator.

Discussion: Larry will be an assistant to Mr. Goddard. He will help parents and students set up for remote learning. This is being funded through COVID funding.

Vote: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

- c. Approval to add a Social & Emotional Learning Coordinator Stipend Position.

A motion was made by Mark Wallace and seconded by Dan Byron to approve the adding of a Social & Emotional Learning Coordinator Stipend Position.

Discussion: This will be funded through Government approved funds. We will also be able to purchase curriculum with this funding. We will have more information on this position at the September meeting.

Vote: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

7. Announcements

- A. Future meeting: September 16, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

8. Executive Session: 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Resignation of Employee

A motion was made by Mark Wallace and seconded by Dan Byron to enter into Executive Session.

Vote: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Time In: 6:05 pm Time Out: 6:19 pm

Action Taken: A motion was made by Mark Wallace and seconded by Mark Scally to accept Eric Steeves resignation for retirement on December 31, 2020 with great regret.

Vote: In favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

9. Adjournment:

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

In favor 5 Time Out: 6:21 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Eric W. Steeves
Superintendent of Schools