

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
STEARNS JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
PUBLIC IN-PERSON OR BY ZOOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024
4:30 PM**

Kevin Gregory	Present - Zoom
Julie Hewke	Present
Kevin Libby	Present
Donald Raymond	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Dr. Shelley Lane, Superintendent	Present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Warren Steward, School Board Chair.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Budget Workshop

The Superintendent stated they are presenting version four of the budget. It started with requests from staff which were reviewed by department heads to identify needs. The department heads sent the information to Business Manager Rhonda Casey to put together the budget. The previous three versions were revised through meetings with leaders and fine-tuning needs. This budget is impacted by energy costs, food costs, health insurance increases, and capital improvement plans. We are assessing the need for replacement of retirements. Our State subsidy is going up \$14,000 monthly. We are looking at a decrease in one FTE in teaching and a reduction in administration. All decisions we make need to be based on what is best for our students for their successful future. We value our residents as our tax base

Each section of the budget was reviewed, and the Board had discussion. The increase in this budget is 5.95% over last year. It was relayed by Mrs. Hewke she was glad to see progress had been made in putting expenses in the “correct buckets” and expressed relief because she thought the budget would have a bigger increase. The Board will meet again on April 9.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Motion by: Julie Hewke **Seconded by:** Kevin Libby

Voted: 5 – Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Shelley Lane
Superintendent of Schools