

**MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
September 16, 2015
Middle School Science Rm.
Warrant Signing 6:00 PM
Business Meeting 6:30 PM**

Attendance:

Renee Jones, Bruce Philip, Kathi Young, Rachel Noyes, Sharon Philbrook

1. Call to order by Board Chair
2. Approval of minutes for the August 19, 2015 meeting **Motion Kathi Young, Second Rachel Noyes 5y**
3. Approval of minutes for the Budget Meeting on July 23, 2015 **Motion Kathi Young, Second Renee Jones 3-0-2**
4. Communications **we received a check for \$500 from the Rockland Elks Club to go toward a new playground or playground improvements.**

The Gigs will be staying on Vinalhaven as we now have a Rowing coach!

Congratulations to Tim on defending his doctoral dissertation and receiving his Ph.d

5. Approval of the agenda **add item J approval of a rowing coach. Move item 8a to 5a Renee Jones, Sharon Philbrook 5-0-0**

8a. Introduction of new staff and island fellow **Carolyn Andrews- school nurse, Kaley Kokomoor - 1st grade, Alyssa Block - kindergarten, Helana Brigman-high school English , Steve Burgess - vocational, Patrick Trainor - high school math, Kate Bishop - French & Social studies, Island Fellow Alana Flanagan**

6. Questions and comments from the public **-none**
7. Principal's report - **everyone is settling in fine and things are starting up well. All new staff has been assigned mentors, the book fair**

was a big success. Three soccer games today - varsity girls won, varsity boys lost, middle school , school pictures on the 29th, open house on the 30th, Columbus Day on October 12th.

Item 8c-

Priority and School wide plan - the team met with the DOE reps twice this summer to work on the school wide plan. We continue to meet with them, monthly through November. The school wide plan will be completed by November 30th.

Tim presented a brief overview of assessment and the NWEA scores for HS in math for the spring 14-15.

8. New Business

a. Introduction of new staff and island fellow - **See 5a**
b. Discussion and possible action to approve chaperones for the senior trip - **there will be no actions on chaperones. They will be approved at the December meeting. The students are finishing up their fundraising now and the class will be presenting their final trip plans in November or December.**

c. Priority Schools update / test scores - Tim - **See item 7**

d. Proficiency Based Diploma update - Bruce - **during the start of school Bruce notified the staff that the Proficiency Based Diploma Standards and Performance Indicators will be completed by November 30th.**

We will continue our work with Carissa Veit through the end of the year and ongoing as necessary. We will be having a parent meeting at a later date.

e. Softball field discussion

Last week Bruce, Tim & varsity coaches met to consider where we will be able to lay out a softball field. It will be laid out just beside and slightly beyond the soccer field. Both dugouts will need to be on the first base side because we do not have enough room to put one on each side.

The 1st & 3rd base lines will be off the soccer field. 2nd base and the pitching mound will both be on the field but no longer right in front of the goal.

Rachel asked about scheduling that would be required to utilize the existing field so that it could be used for both softball & baseball. Is it truly impossible to get two games, one baseball & one softball, in one day or one afternoon? What are the issues with daylight, duration of games, playing times and all of those related issues?

Kris asked about the priorities we are setting around academics especially when we are a priority school. She expressed concerns about all of the things we need to do and be concerned with and whether sports should be a primary focus.

Jess asked about the planning for the playground and the plan for the field and how those two things come together.

f. Discussion and possible action to establish the 'passing grade' - **Our current passing grade is 65. Bruce is proposing that we change our passing grade to 70. Most schools have a passing grade of 70 and we need to follow through with our high expectations of teachers and also hold high expectations for students.**

It is the sense of the Board to establish 70 as a passing grade for this year. Bruce will send a letter to all parents advising them of these plans and the Board will take final action at their October meeting.

g. Discussion and possible action on the eligibility policy
Copy from Bruce's letter to the Board.
Points to consider - middle school, high school? Which activities are impacted by this - sports, math teams, band, theater, prom committee, NHS - should be defined and consistent.

The sense of the board is that they would like to support this idea and Bruce will include an introduction of the idea in his letter about the change of the passing grade. Bruce will plan to introduce a proposal with more details at the October meeting.

- h. Discussion and possible first reading of:
 - 1. policy FFA Memorials -**Motion to approve the first reading of policy FFA Renee Jones, Second Kathi Young 5-0-0**
Send it to Sarah Forner
 - 2. Policy DJH Purchasing and Contracting: Procurement Staff Code of Conduct - **Motion to approve the first reading of policy DJH Renee Jones, Second Sharon Philbrook 5-0-0**
- i. Discussion: MSMA fall conference - **October 22nd & 23rd in Augusta. Bruce encourages all Board members to attend.**

Send the link and perhaps the paper copy of the information to the Board

J. Hiring of a rowing coach - Motion to approve Faye Grant as the coach for Varsity Rowing. Rachel Noyes, Second Bruce Philip 5-0-0

Sharon volunteered to be the representative for the MCST Board

Renee volunteered to be the Priority Team representative from the Board.

Rachel volunteered to be the Fellow liaison from the Board

- 9. Old Business
 - a. Superintendent's Report - **available on request**
- 10. Set date and room choice for the October Meeting –**NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL DATE**
Tuesday, October the 20th in the MS Science room.
- 11. Adjournment - **adjourned at 8:12**