

**MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting  
September 21, 2016  
Middle School Math Room  
Minutes**

1. The September meeting of the Vinalhaven School Board was called to order at 6:31 in the middle school science room by Chairperson Renee Jones with board members Kathi Young, Rachel Noyes, Virginia Wadleigh, and Bruce Phillip along with Supt. Bruce Mailloux and 20 members of the staff and community.
2. School principal, Nate Purrington introduced new staff to the Board. They included Neal Young, Bianca Barroso, William Trevaskis, Blake Reidy, and Chloe Keller.
3. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the corrected minutes of August 17.
4. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting of August 31.
5. Communications – Bruce reported that most of the communications of late have to do with the upcoming legislative session as ideas for legislative action are being formulated. Also, it is the time of the year when we seem to hear from every vender out there and they all have a new wonderful new product for sale.
6. Upon a motion Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the voted 5-0-0 to approve the agenda as printed.
7. Public comment – There were many comments and questions about the bathroom use by a transgender student. This matter is creating a great deal of discussion and court action around the country. It appears no one is pleased with the current court rulings and it will be some time before it is all worked out. There was additional discussion about some signs for directing vehicles out front, the teaching of cursive writing, and a student transporting students to Region 8 in a private boat.
8. Principal's Report – Nate reported about the opening of school and what a great start it has been. He also spoke to the large amount of work the Priority Team has done over the summer.
9. a. Alice Bissel introduced the new Fellow, Melanie Eddington. Melanie spoke briefly about herself and what she expected to accomplish this year. Alice also introduced the former Eldercare

Fellow who now works at Eldercare, Maddey Gates, and will be the Persoectives session teacher this year.

- b. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Bruce Phillip, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the second reading and adoption of policy JJH-R Senior Trip Guidelines – Procedures.
  - c. The Board took no action on the Extra/Co-curricula Eligibility policy as it was determined that further changes were needed.
  - d. While no formal vote was taken, the Board agreed that honor cords would be provided to graduating seniors with a three and half year HS grade average (GPA)of 93 or above.
  - e. Discussion on the school wide plan was tabled to the next meeting.
  - f. Playground update – Bruce provided the Board with the list of choices and changes that has been submitted to the designers for use in (hopefully) final design and costing.
  - g. Playground use during the day – This item generated some healthy discussion and no action was taken.
10. Personnel matters – Upon a motion by Virginia Wadleigh, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of Bryon Feezor as the advisor for the Student Leadership Team, Chris DeSalvatore as the middle school Soccer Coach, and Jake Tuminski as the Rowing Coach. Upon a further motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approved the recommendation of the following for assistant coaching positions: Amelia Davisson, Bryon Feezor, Jen Feezor, Jen Guptil, and Liz Bunker.
11. Superintendent Bruce Mailloux reported on a number items that included the excellent school start, the very strong chance that we have a school nurse, the monthly financial report, the upcoming Island Institute Conference, the October MSMA conference for

Board members, the new greenhouse, and the proficiency based informational night scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>.

12. The next meeting was set for October 19<sup>th</sup>.

13. The meeting as adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Mailloux