

**MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
Tonight: Wednesday, January 15, 2014
Middle School Science Room
Warrant signing 6:00
Business Meeting 6:30**

1. Call to order by Board Chair - @ 6:33
2. Approval of minutes for the December 18th meeting - **Motion to approve the minutes as presented Bruce Philip, Second Renee Jones 4Y**
3. Communications - **MCST has asked us again to name a representative to the MCST Board. Please let us know of any suggestions you might have.**
4. Approval of the agenda - **Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Delete Item 7f – We have already reported on these scores. Add Item 11 MRSA 405(6)a Executive Session. Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 5Y.**
5. Questions and comments from the public - **Dawne Dyer asked if the Spring coaching positions were advertised. They were not advertised, as per the Sports Handbook Supt. Mailloux is nominating the incumbent coaches for another season.**
6. Principal's report - **No written report due to the holidays.**

The High School interventions program is being reworked. We are concerned that accountability needs to remain with the kids and that our current structure has allowed too much reliance on adults. We need to put the onus of the work on the students and see our kids putting in the effort themselves to succeed.

7. New Business
 - a. Discussion and possible first reading of policy JJH – Student Travel
Discussion regarding an amendment to the Student Travel policy to allow School Leader & Supt discretion regarding prohibition of student travel due to JICH violations. This policy will be returned to Bruce to be redrafted.
 - b. Discussion and possible first reading of policy IKE – Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students
**Discussion regarding an amendment to policy that permits the Principal, to make the final decision regarding retention, with permission for parents to appeal to the Supt.
Motion to approve the first reading of policy IKE as amended Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 5Y**

c. Discussion of policy CBI – Evaluation of the Superintendent
Bruce asked the Board what they would like to see as amendments to the Evaluation policy. Bruce confirmed that they are interested in adding instruments that collect evaluation input from staff members and members of the public. Bruce suggested use of the same rating instruments the Board uses and having members of the staff and public selected at random.

d. Discussion on policy for cell phone/electronic device usage
Discussion was extensive regarding time and place for use of electronic devices trending toward prohibition of use during the school day.

e. Discussion and possible action on the Student Code of Conduct
Discussion of the components of the Student Code of Conduct. Staff input is in progress and will be received before discussion and possible action at the next Board meeting.

f. Report on 2012-13 Elem/Middle and High School Accountability Reports (test scores) - **Deleted**

g. Report on Drop out and Graduation percentages
Bruce reported on the Graduation rates for the last three years and explained how they are calculated.

h. Action on the approval of Spring coaches for baseball and softball
**Motion to accept the Supts recommendation of Doug Littlefield and Matt Slivinsky as coaches for Varsity Softball and Baseball respectively
Renee Jones, Second Linda Lapointe**

i. Financial update
Bruce distributed the January financial report.

9. Old Business

a. Report out on Jr./Sr. privileges
**Robb reported back that the HS Team agrees with making privileges based on a grade of 80% in all classes and that it will be 80% carrying into next year. The team would like to keep the checking of privileges on Wednesday. This will go into effect on January 22nd at the end of Quarter 3. The drink policy is going well.
The Board requested an update on Go Time and what it is now.
The Board requested an update on the Eastern Maine Skippers Program.
The Board requested an update on the Common Core.**

b. Superintendent's Report

Bruce reported on the beginning of the school budget season. We have spent 4.5 hour in the last two days working on the early big picture issues.

Dorothy Marecaux will be working 4 days in a row now rather than 2 days every two weeks.

Interesting weather we're having ?

Charlotte Grace Beckman arrived yesterday ! Congratulations to Eric and Paige

10. Set date for February 2014 meeting – Wednesday, February 12th 2014 – Warrants 6:00, Business Meeting at 6:30.

Strategic Planning session – Wednesday, January 22nd 2014 @ 6:00

Motion to enter Executive Session under section 405(6)a @ 8:23 Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 4Y

Returned to open session at 8:38

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn @ 8:39 Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 5Y