

MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
January 18, 2017
Middle School Science Room
Minutes

1. The January 18, 2017 Regular Board meeting of MSAD #8 was called to order at 6:47 Vice Chair Rachel Noyes in the Middle School Science room with Board members Bruce Philip, Kathi Young, and Virginia Wadleigh in attendance along with Supt. Bruce Mailloux and approximately 15 members of the staff, community, and student body. Prior to the start of the meeting, the Board and visitor went to Mr. Pitts room for an excellent presentation and demonstration by the Legorobotics Team.
2. Upon a motion by Kathi young, seconded by Virginia Wadleigh, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2016 meeting.
3. The majority of communications at this time deal with the upcoming State budget approval process and the potential impact with the election of our new President.
4. Supt. Mailloux requested three additions to the agenda:
 - Item 4a action on the minutes of the Special Board meeting of 1/10/17.
 - Item 7a1 discussion and possible action on the request to have a Circus Camp
 - Item 9a. an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1 405 6A1 a personnel matterUpon a motion by Kathi young, seconded by Virginia Wadleigh, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the revised agenda.
- 4a. Upon a motion by Kathi Young, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 4-0- 0 to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on January 10, 2017.
5. Public comment or questions – one question asked and answered
6. Principal’s Report – included in the Supt.’s Report attached
7. New Business
 - a. The Senior Class Trip committee presented their budget and destination information. After review and questions and upon a motion by Bruce Philip, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the class trip to St. Thomas.

 - a1. Circus Camp –Drama teacher Chloe Keller presented a proposal to host a two week summer Circus Camp this coming summer. After many questions and discussion and upon a motion by Bruce Philip, seconded by Virginia Wadleigh, the Board voted 4-0-0 to support the idea.

b. Policy JJH Student Travel – After prolonged discussion with little agreement and upon a motion by Kathi Young, seconded by Rachel Noyes the Board voted 4-0-0 to table the matter until the folks requesting the changes could provide a more favorable request.

c. Policy JJE Fundraising Guidelines – Upon a motion by Virginia Wadleigh, seconded by Bruce Philip, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy JJE Fundraising Guidelines

d. Playground update – Supt. Mailloux reported that all warrants were signed and posted and also provided a rough draft of the informational material being developed by our art teacher, Heather White.

e. 2017-2018 School Calendar – After some discussion and review and upon a motion by Kathi Young, seconded by Virginia Wadleigh, the Board voted 4- 0-0 to approve the proposed 2017-2018 school calendar.

8. Superintendent’s Report – see attached

9. The February meeting was set for February 15th in the MS science room

9a. Upon a motion by KathiYoung, seconded by Virginia Wadleigh, the Board voted 4-0-0 to enter Executive Session pursuant to MRSA title 1 405 6a1 Personnel Matter at 8:05 PM.

10. After returning to open session at 8:31 and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Superintendent's Report 1/18/17

1. I am pleased to announce that our G/T application has been approved by the DOE. Nice job Susan Philbrook.
2. I included some new letters in your packet from MSMA. Gov. LePage is pushing for more regionalization for purchasing supplies and materials as well as the consolidation of school units in an attempt to reduce costs. At least, in one memo he noted that there had to be incentives (\$\$\$) for these ideas to move forward as opposed to directing it to happen. Gov. Baldacci's consolidation plan shows mandating doesn't work to well. I don't know why he dislikes Superintendents so much but we are clearly in his crosshairs. Now he is proposing that no State GPA funds will be used to pay Superintendent costs. Let the locals pay.
3. Two weeks ago we received a bill for damages sustained to MLTI laptop computers that were returned at the end of the contract. Clearly someone was on a different page than schools when it comes to what is 'damage'. After three years, there was going to be signs of use and this was considered damage. Tech Directors, including our own Randy Pitts, voiced their dismay and disapproval for these unexpected and unbudgeted costs. Thanks to their efforts, the DOE has rescinded the billing.
4. In February, our fourth and eighth graders will be participating in the NAEP (national assessment of educational progress) test. This is administered every year to random schools and we seem to be randomly picked about every three years.
5. Board members, in your material received tonight you will find the monthly budget report. Please note our 'difference percentage' is continuing to decline which what we what to see.
6. On Tuesday morning I came on the first boat with the HS boys and girls basketball teams. They had games Friday, Saturday, and Monday with a lot of travel and overnights on Friday and Monday. The students were happy, talkative, and very positive despite being a little tired. I thought Sandy Nelson made a fitting comment to me...."You know, we couldn't do this if these weren't great kids."