

MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
October 19, 2016
Middle School Math Room
Minutes

1. The October 2016 meeting of the Vinalhaven School Board was called to order by chairperson Renee Jones at 6:32 with Board members Bruce Phillip, Rachel Noyes, and Virginia Wadleigh in attendance along with Supt. Bruce Mailloux, Bus. Mgr. Kathy Warren, Prin. Nate Warren and six members of staff and community.
2. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Bruce Phillip, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the minutes of the September 21st meeting.
3. Communications – Supt Mailloux noted the number of State reports that come due this time of the year, information on the MSMA conference, suggested policy changes for this year, and newsletters from MSBA.
4. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the agenda as posted.
5. Questions and comments from the public – The majority of public comments and questions concerned the new fund raising policy. The two stated issues involved the ability to pay ones ‘share’ to go on the class trip as opposed to being involved in the fund raising events and the second concern was the options suggested in the policy for classes to spend their extra funds.
6. Principal’s report – attached
7. New Business
 - a. Upon a motion by Virginia Wadleigh, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the third reading and adoption of the Extra/Co-curricular eligibility policy.
 - b. School Wide Plan – tabled as the presenter was not feeling well and had to leave
 - c. Playground- Kathy provided an update on the proposed new playground that included computer generated views of a main playground. The PreK area was not completed at this time. There were many questions and much positive support for the design. The original boat design has been tabled due to the cost and inability to find the desired product. The process is moving forward (almost) smoothly with a hopeful construction start in the spring.

- d. Supt. Mailloux reviewed the proposed building project of Region 8 and the debt service cost for Vinalhaven. Everyone is encouraged to get out and vote on the referendum in November.
- e. PBE – Supt. Mailloux gave an update on the proficiency based education work. The school is moving forward at a steady pace though he fully expects there will be some growing pains. The Supt’s report includes a short summary of this report.

8. Personnel Matters

HS Boys Basketball – Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 4-0-0 approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of Josh Miller and Bobby Beckman to be the HS Boys Basketball co-coaches.

HS Girls Basketball - Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Virginia Wadleigh, the Board voted 4-0-0 approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of Sandy Nelson and (assistant) Sam Bickford to be the HS Girls Basketball coaches.

MS Girls Basketball - Upon a motion by Bruce Phillip, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 4-0-0 approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of Chris DeSalvatore to be the MS Girls Basketball coach.

School Nurse - Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Renee Jones, the Board voted 4-0-0 approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of Lesley Johnson to be the school nurse.

9. Superintendent’s Report – see attached

10. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 4-0-0 to enter Executive at 8:07 pursuant to MRSA 405 6A Employment.

11. At 8:20 and upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Bruce Phillip, the Board voted 4-0-0 to return to open session. The November meeting was set of the 16th.

12. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Mailloux

Principals' Report for 10/19/16

The last month has gone by really well. We have had a number of events that have made us truly proud. On October 5, 2016 we had reps from the department of education stop by to talk to us on our progress in a PBE school. I feel that they were pleasantly monitoring the behaviors around us. They had a good feel for where they wanted us to be, and I feel we are well on that path!

The PBE Parent Night on October 4th was very well attended. There were at least 30 people who attended to help in the process, Teachers, Patriots, fans., all others...we had a great turnout and we had an awesome number of questions that were asked. Some were answered on the spot, others were answered later on.

Last week we had Matt Shea come up to help with with a PBE question/answer forum. It was a great opportunity for our staff to talk with him and pick his brain. I feel that our staff had more done in that few hours than we had in days prior to that. It's all about knowledge.

Our meetings on Friday/Saturday were great. Our in service day on Thursday had Matt Shea which was awesome, but Friday had great sessions about Bullying, Aquaculture, Administraivia, etc.

It's definitely been a busy week, but it's been a great week!

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT 10/19/2016

On September 28th we held the fall open house night. Attendance was excellent with many parents in attendance. An observation on my part----it seemed like we had an increased number of families where both parents were in attendance--- no data to support this, just an observation.

Yesterday we had our food service review which occurs ever three years. The DOE folks reviewed our application approval and notification process, pricing , and pretty much all of the functions in the kitchen. While it is too early to receive a report, the verbal comments at the end of the day were very positive to staff of both the office and kitchen. Congratulations to the food service staff for a job well done.

Last meeting we introduced the new Island Fellow, Melanie Eddington. Unfortunately, shortly after the meeting Melanie had some personal issues arise and she has had leave Vinalhaven. We are exploring the options for another Fellow and wish Melanie the best.

The first quarter ends November 4th and shortly after that we will be issuing the first quarter "Report Card" in a PBE format. Elementary parents are somewhat familiar with the format as we have been using it some last year. For MS and HS this is new and I am

sure will generate some parent questions. The important thing to keep in mind is that the report should be considered a Progress Report as it reflects a student's progress toward proficiency as opposed to a quarterly or final grade.

With the hiring of a nurse, we are now fully staffed. Thank you to all who participated in the interviewing and hiring process this year.

The MSMA Fall is next week with Bruce M., Rachel and Virginia planning to be in attendance. The offerings look very informative and there will be a number of vendors there providing information about their products. Also two key note speakers look interesting.

We have another ER on Friday the 28th and the focus will be on PBE. We have six topics to discuss as a staff and hopefully are able to come to a consensus on these matters. The topics include:

- A revised version of the learning taxonomy we have been using
- "4" – how does a student exceed the proficient level of a "3"
- Coding performance indicators and graduation standards – how many PI's are needed to be proficient in a graduation standard - Required PI's for graduation ??
- Guiding Principles – how do we handle this requirement ? self assess with evidence ??
- 1, 2, 3, 4 vs. 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4
- How to maintain student evidence

Respectfully submitted,
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