

MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
October 20, 2015
Middle School Science Room
Warrant signing 6:00
Business Meeting 6:30

1. The October meeting of the Vinalhaven School Board was called to order at 6:30 PM in the middle school science room by Chairperson Renee Jones with board members Sharon Philbrook, Kathi Young, Rachel Noyes, and Bruce Philip along with Supt. Bruce Mailloux and 18 members of the public.
2. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes of the September 16th meeting.
3. Communications - Bruce reported that communications have dealt with the appointment of the new DOE commissioner, proficiency based education, and teacher evaluations. Legislative and budget matters are quiet at this time.
4. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Sharon Philbrook, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the revised agenda that included item 9a for an executive session pursuant to MRSA 405-6A(1) to discuss a vender agreement.
5. Questions and comments from the public -
 - a. Chris Osgood requested the Board consider adding a sign to the new scoreboard to identify the field as "Felton Field". This was the name designated by the School Board some years ago.
 - b. Sam Thompson asked for an explanation on the "runners" letter that was recently sent home. (explanation was provided)
6. Principal's Report- see attached
7. New Business
 - a. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Bruce Philip, the Board voted 5-0-0 to move the passing grade of 65 at the middle school and high school to 70.

- b. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Kathi young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approved the second reading and adoption of policy FFA Memorials.
- c. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Sharon Philbrook, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve a second reading and adoption of policy DJH Purchasing and Contracting: Procurement Staff Code of Conduct.
- d. Alana Flanagan (Island Fellow) reported on a recent survey she conducted during open house. She asked folks how they liked to hear from the school with the top choice being email. Her second question dealt with what students like to do after school and arts and crafts was the top choice. She also let the Board know she is working on school / community based calendar that would be accessible to all through the internet.
- e. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Bruce Philip, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the new eligibility. The key elements of the policy are:
1. A student must be passing all courses with a grade of 70 at the start of a season to be eligible to participate in sports and extra-curricular activities. If the student is failing a subject at the start of the season, they have 10 school days to get to a point of passing. During this time, they may still participate. If, after the ten day period, they are still not passing that subject, they are ineligible for the balance of the season.
 2. At the mid-point of a grading period, all students participating in sports and extra-curricular activities will have their grades reviewed. They must be passing all subjects with a grade of 70 to be eligible for continued participation. If they are failing a subject at this time, they have a 10-day period to establish passing grades. Should they be failing any subject after the 10 days, they are ineligible for the balance of the season.
- f. The Board was hoping to review some estimated costs for a potential softball field but there have been no responses requests for bids or estimates.
- g. Upon a motion by Sharon Philbrook, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for Sandy Nelson to coach HS Girls basketball,

Chris Desalvatore to coach MS Girls basketball, and Pete Farrelly to coach MS Boys basketball.

8. Old Business
 - a. superintendent's report - see attached
9. The November meeting was set for November 18th in the middle school science room.
 - 9a. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Bruce Philip, at 7:48 PM the Board voted 5-0-0 to enter Executive Session pursuant to MRSA 405-6A(1) to discuss a vender agreement.
10. The Board exited Executive Session at 8:15 PM and upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Bruce Philip, the Board voted 5-0-0 to adjourn.