

**MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
October 21, 2013
Middle School Science Room
Warrant signing 6:45 PM
Business Meeting 7:00 PM**

1. Call to order by Board Chair @ 7:00 by Chair Renee Jones

2. Approval of minutes for the September 16th meeting - **Motion to approve the minutes of 9-16-2013 Bruce Philip, Second Linda Lapointe 5Y**

3. Communications - **report received and forwarded to the Board from the U of Me regarding students admitted from Vinalhaven and their completion status and other interesting statistics regarding their achievement and enrollment status.**

4. Approval of the agenda – **Motion to approve the agenda as amended – Item 7H – Motion to approve a comprehensive Vinalhaven – North Haven Team for Baseball and Softball for Spring 2014 Renee Jones , Second Bruce Philip 5Y**

5. Questions and comments from the public – **Question from Beverly Warren about the beginning of the basketball program for the 3rd graders. Alan Lazaro answered that we will start toward the end of the varsity season.**
Sarah Forner asked about the issues around the soccer trips this weekend. Bruce responded that it was still under investigation and that she was welcome to speak with Robb or Bruce in person if she had specific concerns.

6. Principal's report – **See Principals report for details.**
Testing – the amount of time has become very onerous. We are working our way through and the testing window ends on October 23rd. This is the last year of the NECAP in October. Next year we will be doing the new Common Core based testing and that test, which is computer based, will be done in the late Spring.
Island Institute conference went well
FERPA Training for Board, Substitutes and Coaches coming up in November. We will also be doing additional Sub Training

Interventions is going well – Jess is doing a great job organizing the program and many of the HS student athletes are getting their work passed in and grades are improving. We are looking at including all classes not just classes required for graduation. We are also looking at expanding the program into the general population – the program is currently only directed at student athletes.

Robb and Bruce are looking at our next 5 year cycle of strategic planning.

Parking lot – Robb and Bruce have been monitoring the circle and the parking lot. Things are going well, only a few problems have been noticed and we are encouraging parents in a hurry to use the parking lot as they can come get their child and leave the parking lot more quickly.

SCAMP report – Things went well. Some changes have been recommended for next year depending on the goals of the program and enrollment. Sharon asked about student’s achievement during the program and how we know the program is making a difference. Robb worked with Faye and Sandy to set up the activities and the goals for each student in the program. Annette asked about a HS student being used as an assistant for the program, perhaps in a for credit manner.

Robb Potter has asked to come speak to the High School about drinking and drugs and driving

7. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action: Destination of Senior Class Trip - The class is proposing a cruise for April 19-Miami – through Saturday the 26th. They would leave here on April 18th and return to the island on April 27th. This is a 21 and over cruise so they will need an adult in every cabin and the group will need 3 chaperones. They are currently looking into excursions, four-wheeling in St. Maarten, a zipline tour in St Thomas, and glass bottom kayaking in the Bahamas. There are 15 kids going – they have potential chaperones.

Annette asked if the class has looked into stateside trips. Renee asked if the kids needed passports. They do not need passports. They have looked into a few options but have not currently explored a non-cruise, in-country trip.

Sharon asked about chaperones for the trip and whether or not there were extra chaperones planned in case someone needed to be sent home. We discussed the policy and other contingencies for such issues.

Motion to approve the proposed cruise to the Eastern Caribbean as presented with the understanding that the parent contract be amended to include parents being required to pick up any students whose actions require them to be sent home. Renee Jones, Seconded Linda Lapointe, 3Y Abstained Bruce Philip, Annette Cash

b. Personnel Matters

1. Nominations – 7th-8th grade boys basketball coach – **Motion to approve Chris Radley as Busline Boys basketball coach for the 13-14 school year. Bruce Philip, Second Annette Cash 4Y**

c. SCAMP Review – **Addressed in the Principals report.**

d. Policy – First Reading of policy JJE – Student Fundraising
The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the policy. Discussion included many provisions of the policy. Fundraisers, Continuation of Senior Class trip, Approval process for individual fundraisers. Motion to approve the first reading as presented, Sharon Philbrook, Second Bruce Philip 5Y

e. Discussion and possible action – Fuel Bid

Last year we discussed many issues regarding the Fuel Bid contract. We discussed going to an every other year contract, awarding it alternately to each company. The legal advice was to move to that method only if all of the parties to the bid process were in agreement. Since one of our suppliers objected we will be remaining with the bid process. We send out requests for bids and will open the 13-14 bids at the November 20th Board meeting.

f. Discussion and possible action – Funding for the Anniversary

Pavilion - **We did not receive the Lowes grant. We submitted an initial estimate of \$15,000. Bruce presented the remaining expenses for the project.**

Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$13,046 from Capital Projects to complete the construction of the Anniversary Pavilion. Motion to table the funding of the Pavillion until next meeting. Sharon Philbrook, Seconded Renee Jones, 5Y

g. Discussion and possible action- Establishment of a Playground Committee - **Motion to establish a Playground Committee with members for the purpose of Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 4Y**

It is suggested that the Playground committee help look into funding for the pavilion and also for the a budget for the playground as a future expense and the funds for its annual maintenance.

h. Comprehensive Team for Baseball & Softball - Motion to approve a comprehensive team agreement from Vinalhaven – North Haven Team for Baseball and Softball for Spring 2014 Bruce Philip, Second Sharon Philbrook 4Y

8. Old Business

a. Superintendent's Report - **Bruce reported on the upcoming MSMA Conference, the state of the budget, and the recent alleged violations of the drug and alcohol policy by some student athletes, upcoming strategic planning, our thoughts to Yvonne on her recent surgery and best wishes for a speedy recovery – we expect her back to work next week or maybe the week after.**

b. Report on “traffic loop” issue - **Bruce discussed further the observations of the parking lots and traffic in the circle during dismissal. We will continue to monitor the situation and to look into morning congestion as well. We discussed Enter and Exit signs for the parking lot and “drop off only sign” at the head of the road. Also reminded folks that Pre-K has been asked to park and drop not drop off from the circle.**

9. Set date for the November meeting - **November meeting on the 20th. Meeting will start at 6:30 with Warrant signing at 6:00.**

(Suggest November 20 noting the move to Wednesday)

Comment from the Public -

Dawne Dyer commented on the recent alleged incidents and stated that as a parent she felt that all of the student athletes should be punished and that the administration should consider forfeiting the upcoming playoff game. Bruce and Alan and Bruce responded to the expressed concerns and stated that the investigation is ongoing.

Tina stated her concern that there are two incidents and she would appreciate that the two incidents not be blended together.

Jenn expressed her feelings that the kids who did take responsibility for their actions should be praised for being honest and that for the coaches involved it was a very vulnerable situation that they would like to be better prepared to handle in the future.

10. Adjournment - **Motion to adjourn at 8:49 Renee Jones, Second**