

Minutes
MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
November 15, 2017
Middle School Science Room
6:30 PM

Board Members Present: Rachel Noyes, Virginia Wadleigh, Laura Lazaro, Kathi Young, Renee Jones

Administration Present: Superintendent Roy Crawford, Principal Ann Kirkpatrick

1. **Call to order at 6:32** by R. Jones and Pledge to the Flag
2. **Action on the minutes of the October 18, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion R. Noyes/second L. Lazaro to approve. (4-0-1)**
3. **Action on the minutes of the November 7, 2017 Special Meeting. Motion K. Young/second L. Lazaro to approve (5-0)**
4. **Communications:** None
5. **Approval of the agenda: Motion R. Jones/second R. Noyes (5-0)**
6. **Questions and comments from the public:** Parent Jess Farrelly advised the Board that the Wellness Committee has been re-activated and had its first meeting this afternoon. The Wellness Policy as passed 10 years ago and by law and necessity needs to be reviewed and revised as needed. In addition, we want to re-connect with the goals and philosophy of the policy. Rachel Noyes volunteered to serve on the committee as a Board member. The committee will work to raise awareness of, and commitment to, our wellness values and to present a new policy by late spring.
The first awareness activity will be a healthy food event at school prior to the Christmas holiday. The next Wellness meeting is December 13 after school. Exact time to be determined.
7. **Principal's Report by A. Kirkpatrick**
 - Two teachers visited the Islesboro Pathways Program to determine if it had any application at VS. Students and teachers will visit Islesboro on the January early release as a follow up.
 - Thanked all of those who organized and participated in the Veterans' Day assembly.
 - Parent teacher conferences have been organized. Some time modifications have been made to accommodate teacher illnesses.
 - The calculation of senior grade point averages and class rank is being reviewed and revised to equitably reflect three very different grade reporting systems: VS before proficiency grading, VS post proficiency grading, and dual enrollment college courses.
 - Great turkey dinner served by our food service program. We served 120 lunches and our school population is 172.

8. New Business

- a. **Action to select a playground vendor:** Holly Saulte reported that we received three proposals which were reviewed by the Playground Committee. Two of the proposals were viable. A public forum was held to view and provide feedback on the proposals. The committee is working with the two finalists to revise their designs considering feedback received, and to get more information from them regarding their requirements for site preparation and installation. Since approval of the vendors is not time sensitive, the Playground Committee suggest that action be deferred to the December meeting and the Board agreed.
- b. **Draft Policy: Off Island Student transport by employees and volunteers:** Crawford pointed out that VS has no policy regarding volunteers transporting students to and from school events, either in autos or by boat. He presented a revised draft of the policy given feedback from the Board and the public at the October 18 meeting. After discussion, members of the public who spoke and Board members were in agreement that the policy is necessary and reasonable and will not place undo burden on either volunteers or the school. Roy will get further feedback on boat insurance and how the policy will define "local waters" and the final policy will be on the December agenda for implementation in January 2018.
- c. **Community Education and Activities Coordinator:** Motion R. Jones/second R. Noyes to authorize Roy to post and fill the coordinator position as budgeted. (5-0)

9. Superintendent's Report:

- The state has yet to adopt proficiency graduation requirements. Roy will attend a regional superintendents' meeting tomorrow with DOE officials.
- Commended Ann, staff and students for the wonderful Veterans' Day assembly
- Is working with the Medical Center to assist us in meeting VS student medical needs
- A communication survey is in progress to assess how we are currently communicating and with whom we are communicating to help us identify gaps and needs

10. Personnel matters – nominations & resignations:

- Motion R. Jones/second R. Noyes to approve Co-coaches Josh Miller and Bobby Beckman as varsity boys coaches (5-0)
- Motion R. Noyes/second K. Young to appoint Sandy Nelson as girls varsity coach (5-0)
- Motion R. Jones/second R. Noyes to appoint co-coaches Alan Lazaro and Chris Radley as Busline boys coaches (5-0)
- Motion K. Young/second L. Lazaro to appoint Justin Grant as Busline girls coach (5-0)

11. Set date for November regular meeting: Next meeting December 13, 2017.

12. Executive session to discuss a student matter: at 7:30, **Motion R. Jones/second K. Young (5-0)**

At 7:52, motion R. Jones/second R. Noyes to return to public session. (5-0)

13. Adjournment: declared by R. Jones at 8:52.