

**MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
November 16, 2016
Middle School Math Room
Minutes**

1. The November 2016 meeting of the Vinalhaven School Board was called to order by chairperson Renee Jones at 6:30 with Board members Bruce Phillip, Rachel Noyes, Kathi Young, and Virginia Wadleigh in attendance along with Supt. Bruce Mailloux and a number of students and members of staff and community.
2. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Bruce Phillip, the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting.
3. Communications – Supt Mailloux thanked Lawrence Sanborn for his donation of a used out board motor. Notes were received from George Kendricks and Dr. and Mrs. Krevous praising middle school students that were observed. Mr. Kendrick was a visiting geologist who lead a field trip and the Krevous's were hiking on Mt. Katahdin the same time as our 8th grade students. Mr. Mailloux also reported that we have received a letter from the DOE indicating that we are fully in compliance with Special Education laws and regulation.
4. Agenda approval – With the addition of item 7a(1) Update on the Senior Class Trip, and motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the amended agenda.
5. Questions and comments from the public – Dawne Dyer expressed her concern about the use of a blog in the HS English class and in particular because some inappropriate comments were posted by a student from another school.
6. Principal's report – see the Superintendent's report
7. New Business
 - a(1) Members of the Senior class presented the Board a list of possible senior class trip destinations and potential chaperones. Class members explained the positives about each of the locations. The Board was OK with all the locations and will get back to the class in regards to chaperones,
 - a. Susan Philbrook provided an overview of the Gifted and Talented program. She distributed an informational flyer, talked about the identification process, and what it might look like for a student once identified. Susan hopes to start programing in the second semester.
 - b. Mae Applegate offered a presentation on Data Boards. These are a visual tool for monitoring the progress of students in mathematics and English

- language arts. Lack of progress will lead to discussions on the nature of the problem and interventions (extra help) to help overcome the problem.
- c. Supt. Mailloux gave an overview of the School Wide Plan and what it means to be a Priority School.
 - d. Robb Warren presented on behalf of the Priority/Leadership Team a request to have the Board consider some early release days for the balance of the year starting in January. We are at the point in the priority school and PBE work where teachers need to work in grade level teams and in k-12 subject area teams. It has become very difficult for these teams to find common times to meet and early release time is a common practice in other schools. Discussion went on for some time and was very informative and valuable. In the end, 'late start Mondays' seemed to be an idea that most folks present could support. Details will be worked out and the idea presented at the December meeting for discussion and possible action.
 - e. Supt. Mailloux gave a brief playground update. It was discovered that the soccer field is not exactly in the location as indicated on the school design drawings. These drawings were used by the playground architects and we now are in the process of moving some of the playground pieces to different locations. The Board agreed to a Special Board meeting to review the new design if the drawings arrive in the next couple of weeks.

8. Personnel Matters

MS Boys Basketball – Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Bruce Phillip, the Board voted 5-0-0 approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Chris Radley and Alan Lazaro to be the MS Boys Basketball co-coaches.

9. Superintendent's Report –

The last month has been interesting to say the least. Filling in for Nate has kept me very busy and much more involved with the day to day operation of the school. The staff has been very supportive and I feel we have hardly missed a beat in Nate's absence. Nate was much more involved in the Priority Team work than I, but the Team has stepped to keep the work moving forward. I did reestablish the practice for dealing with tardy students and support the change in lunches to create a separate lunch for grades 3-5.

Tomorrow, we begin the fall parent conferences. These are usually very well attended by the parents of younger students and we fully expect that to be the case this year.

Last week we sent home the first quarter progress report (rank card) and I am very surprised to not have heard from some parents. We have worked to inform parents and students about what to expect and maybe that has been more effective than I realized. I do think that the work preparing the Progress Reports by Randy Pitts has resulted in an excellent format that is easy for staff to use and easy for parents to read. Staff and parents need to recognize and appreciate the time and effort put into these Reports by Randy as much of this was created by him.

On 10/28 we had an early release day and the afternoon was dedicated to reviewing standards in vertical teams (k-12 teams by subject area). We wanted to make sure the progression of standards and performance indicators was appropriate and lead to the desired level of learning for graduation. We have also started identifying which performance indicators are required to meet a graduation standard.

This week, Tuesday was an interesting day as the 'full moon' impact on student behavior was certainly felt. Thankfully there is not another 'super moon' for twenty some odd years.

Next week we are off on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for Thanksgiving. Enjoy your time with family and friends.

10. The December meeting was set for December 21st with warrants at 6:00 and the meeting at 6:30.

11. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Mailloux