

**MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting**  
**November 18, 2015**  
**Middle School Science Room**  
**Minutes**

1. The November 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 Phillip along with Supt. Bruce Mailloux and 16 members of the public.
2. Upon a motion by Kathi Young, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting.
3. Communications - Bruce reported the new Commissioner has returned to the 'administrative letter' format utilized by previous administrations. The letters touch on numerous topics and are handy for easy reference. During the lull in financial and legislative work, the Department is focused on the various required reports we have to submit.
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 7.e1 for discussion on the Substance Awareness Team, requested by Rachel Noyes.
5. Questions and comments from the public - Comments and suggestions about changes in the grading system were offered by Chris Osgood, Jess Farrelly, and Bryan Feezer.
6. Principal's Report- see attached
7. New Business
  - a. Upon a motion by Sharon Philbrook, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to move adopt the revised LAU Plan.
  - b. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Sharon Philbrook, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approved the first reading of policy JLF -

Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect as well as the procedure, JLF-R and reporting form, JLF - E.

c. Upon a motion by Sharon Philbrook, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the first reading of policy JLDCA - Medical Marijuana in Schools.

d. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Senior Class choice of a class trip to Puerto Rico.

e. There was some objection to the superintendent's recommendation for Senior Class Trip advisors and a vote on approval was tabled at this time to allow for a meeting of senior class parents.

e. 1. Rachel Noyes reported the Substance Awareness Team is continuing their work from last year. They have changed their name but continue to work on the substance issues that impact our community. They requested support from the school in the form of a meeting place and some office copying etc. The Board readily agreed to the support and acknowledged the positive work of the committee.

f. Playground - Bruce summarized the report from the Playground Committee (full report attached) focusing on their recommendations. There was a lot of discussion from the public attending and the Board on the need and desire to update the playground and the concern for the cost. The committee projected a cost of \$400,000.00, \$89,000.00 less than the original projection, and would require \$320,000.00 in new money. The recommendation is for the new money to be bonded over 10 years. The Board agreed in principle with the project and all parties are aware that public support is required to approve any financial obligations to support the project.

g. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Bruce Phillip, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for Josh Miller and Bobby Beckman to be co-coaches for the varsity boys basketball team.

## 8. Old Business

- a. Bruce reported he is waiting on an estimate on construction cost for a softball field.
  - b. Superintendent's report attached
9. The December meeting was set for December 16th in the middle school science room. Note the meeting will start at approximately 7:00 PM immediately following the Christmas show.
10. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5/0/0 to adjourn at 8.09.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Mailloux