

**MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
November 19, 2014
Middle School English Rm.
Warrant Signing 6:00 PM
Business Meeting 6:30 PM**

Annette Cash, Renee Jones, Sharon Philbrook, Kathie Young, Bruce Philip, Kathy Warren, Bruce Mailloux, Ashley Davis Oakes, Shannon Young, Julie Peterson, Joe Bickford, Chris DiSalvatore, Randy Pitts, Lucy Bickford, Ali Tolman, Rachel Noyes, Jen Feezor, Brian Feezor, Jud Raven, Jessica Farrelly, Megan Day, Yvonne Thomas, Hugh Martin, Kris Osgood, Sarah Baird-Forner, Danielle Newton, Abby Harris, Jen Wadleigh, Traci Littlefield, Danielle Webster, Mae Applegate

1. Call to order by Board Chair - **called to order at 6:32 by chair Renee Jones**
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2. Approval of minutes for the October 15th meeting - **Motion to approve the minutes of the October 15th meeting as amended Sharon Philbrook, Second Annette Cash 5y**
3. Communications - **will be covered in the Supts report.**
4. Approval of the agenda - **motion to approve the agenda as presented add on Item 9 Executive session MRSA title 1 4056a Renee Jones , Second Sharon Philbrook 5y**
5. Questions and comments from the public - **None**
6. Principal's report - **enclosed, copies available on request. Tim recently attended a training on the Marzano, Teacher Evaluation system. Add additional detail.**
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion and possible action on the athletic eligibility policy - **Bruce presented the components of the policy to be approved. What average will be required - 70 or 75? What classes will be included - grad requirements, or all classes?**

**How long will probation last - two weeks or three weeks?
Practice & play/performance is allowed during probation but not during suspension.**

Students may be reinstated once all grades meet the 70/75.

Final decision: Two weeks, 70, all courses, Practice and Play during probation, No Practice or Play during suspension

Motion to approve the eligibility policy for a TWO week probation period, a required grade of 70 in ALL Classes, with Practice and Play allowed during probation and NOT allowed during suspension.

Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 5Y

b. Report on 2103-2014 sabbatical leave – Yvonne Thomas - **Yvonne presented the findings of sabbatical study on the academic performance of Vinalhaven boys. The data and findings are available on request. Yvonne's findings include the collection of academic, behavioral/discipline, and school engagement data as well as readings and comparative analysis of other programs. She presented 9 recommendations in the four areas of School Mission & Vision, Behavior, Academics and School Engagement. Complete copies of the report are available on request.**

c. Senior Class Trip

1. Update - **now that chaperones are settled, they will be able to choose a destination. They will come back in December for Final Approval.**

2. Chaperone question - **Board approved 2 chaperones for the 14 students, 10 girls, and 4 boys. They will be presented at the next meeting.**

3. Ebola concerns - **up to parents mostly, safety in general is a larger concern. The Board would like to have a public forum to discuss Class Trips and receive feedback.**

d. Playground Committee update - **Kathy presented an update on the playground. We are currently in design development and working out the actual costs, the in kind donations, available materials and the actual design of the boat.**

e. Discussion and possible first reading of proposed changes in the Drug and Alcohol policy JICH - **Bruce presented the proposed policy that has been developed by the Board in cooperation with the Wellness Coalition sub-committee on substance abuse.**

We amended the draft to read:

Suspend for "School" days

Add " it is required that the IT will meet during the suspension period and prior to the students return to school." to each offense level

Third offense: "Strongly recommend to parents and guardians that the student be referred for a chemical health evaluation."

**Motion to approve the first reading of JICH - VH as amended
Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 5Y**

f. Discussion and possible action to clarify credit for volunteering - **Bruce and Yvonne presented the history of our community service program. The Board supports 1 credit (30 hours) for volunteering to receive graduation credit as an elective. A student may submit any hours for community service credit and it will be reported on the transcript but not counted toward graduation.**

g. Discussion – parameters for 2015-2016 school calendar

Snow days - built in, added on

Early Release Days - Teacher Workshops

Start date - after Labor Day - September 8th or September 2nd

End date - June 17th

Spring vacation - February & April or March

h. Update on Proficiency Based Diploma work - **We are required to have a proficiency based diploma. We had a consultant hired to help us but they were unable to honor their contract. The staff has risen to the occasion and we are a bit ahead of schedule at the moment. Bruce is currently working on the policy to implement it. He is working with Rangeley and sharing ideas and coordinating efforts. Everything is coming together and thanks to the staff for their hard work.**

- i. Action on Personnel matters – election of girls basketball coach -
Motion to approve Sandy Nelson and Kelsey Byrd as Coach and Asst Coach for Varsity Girls Basketball Annette Cash, Second Sharon Philbrook 5y
- ii. **Motion to approve the resignation of Yvonne Thomas as our Guidance Counselor after 13 years Renee Jones, Second Bruce Philip 5y**

8. Old Business

- a. Superintendent's Report - **copies available on request.**

Congratulations to Amanda McConnell for her successful audition for the District III Honors Band. She is the first HS student in 25 years to achieve this feat.

We had a successful completion of our Food Service audit. We have not received the report yet but our oral report resulted in no findings.

We are piloting a new Early Release Day breakfast schedule

We are working with Brian Hupp on our Math curriculum, it is going well.

The 2014 Supts Conference was excellent.

9. **Executive Session -Motion to enter Executive Session at 8:32, Renee Jones, Second Kathie Young 5Y**

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 9:00, Renee Jones, Second Annette Cash 5Y

No action taken

10. **Make date and room choice for the December meeting – December Meeting will be held in the HS Science Room on December 17th. Warrants at 6:00 Meeting at 6:30**

11. **Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned by Chair Renee Jones at 9:02**