

Minutes
MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
December 13, 2017
Middle School Science Room
6:30 PM

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

Absent: Kathi Young

Administration Present: Superintendent Roy Crawford, Principal Ann Kirkpatrick

1. **Call to order at 6:30** by R. Jones and Pledge to the Flag
2. **Action on the minutes of the November 15, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion R. Jones/second R. Noyes to approve. (4-0)**
3. **Communications:** Three seats are open on the MSBA Executive Council. Board members to let Roy know if they are interested in serving.
4. **Approval of the agenda: Motion R. Jones/second R. Noyes (4-0)**
5. **Questions and comments from the public:** No comments
6. **Principal's Report by A. Kirkpatrick**
 - Senior transcripts, GPA ,and class ranks are currently being calculated considering the class of 2018 will have both traditional and the new proficiency courses.
 - The winter concert was "fantastic!"
 - Commended students and production staff for the wonderful play "School of Rock". Rachel commented that perhaps more microphones would have enhanced the production. Roy will follow up.
 - This Friday's early release profession development will feature Brittany Rey who will present on the effects of childhood trauma and its implication for teachers. She will present to the community at 10:30 on Friday at the Town Hall.
 - This is spirit week with Friday featuring a pep rally and our first home basketball game.
 - Wellness Committee has begun it work and VS has been chosen as the Knox Country representative to participate in the "Winter Kids" statewide program. A \$5,000 prize will be given to the school with the highest percentage of student and family participation. If VS wins, the prize will be donated to the Playground Committee.
 - On December 21, one half of our HS students will be leaving for a basketball game. Ann will take the remaining HS students to Belfast to participate in the sport of curling.

7. **New Business**

- a. Information: On January 2, 2018 school will begin at 9:00 AM to accommodate the January 1 ferry schedule. Only the two early morning ferries are running, so returning the VH on January 1 will be problematic.
- b. **Action to support, when possible, the vision and mission of Our Island Cares:** after discussion, **Motion L Lazaro/second V. Wadleigh (4-0)**
- c. **Action to choose a playground equipment vendor** as recommended by the Playground Committee: After a brief presentation by Holly Sault which included the results of extensive public input and detailed reference checks, **Motion R. Noyes/second L. Lazaro to name Gametime the vendor for the playground project. (4-0)**

The Playground Committee can now work with Gametime to fine-tune the design and the costs.

- d. **Approval of Student transport by employees, volunteers and hired private boats.** Roy presented the third draft of the policy. The only substantive change is the definition of “local waters” to be “within 500 feet of the Vinalhaven Island shoreline.” **Motion R. Jones/Second R. Noyes to approve. (4-0)**
- e. **Draft Revised Policy: EFD Pricing and Payment for Food Services:** The Board agreed that lunches should be paid for in advance and that charging lunch should be the rare exception. They also agreed that parents would like the ability to track their child’s lunch account, pay for lunches, and receive account email or text alerts through an on line service which many school in Maine are now using. They questioned charging students 2.50 for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich plus a side dish when their account is in arrears. Why not provide a full hot lunch if we will be charging the full price? Roy will do research and present a revised draft at the next meeting. **Motion R. Jones/second L. Lazaro to approve as a first reading. (4-0)**
- f. **Draft Policy: GBEBB Staff Conduct with Students:** Given this age of social media instant electronic communications, Roy had checked with other schools and has developed a policy which attempts to set appropriate professional boundaries for all of our VS employees. He had reviewed his draft with the Teacher Leadership Team and the full faculty and made revisions given their insights and input. The Board suggested adding language that discourages staff having students as Facebook friends and limiting staff communication with students to school provided platforms or to school business only. Roy will make revisions for the next meeting. **Motion R. Jones/second L. Lazaro to approve as a first reading. (4-0)**
- g. **Review of the following policies**
JICK: Bullying
JICK-R: Bullying Administrative Procedures
Rachel had requested this item be placed on the agenda and would like more time to read and analyze the policies.
- h. **Discussion of a Crisis Intervention policy:** Rachel had attended a workshop at the MSBA Conference dealing with school crisis, and VS has no policy defining how we deal with a crisis involving a student,

family member or staff member: i.e. a suicide, sudden traffic death, etc. Roy will research policies and develop a draft for Board future consideration.

- i. **Publishing Draft Board Minutes prior to formal approval:** the Board authorized Roy to post DRAFT Board minutes immediately following a meeting. This will improve timely transparency.

8. **Superintendent's Report:**

- Will attend an Our Island Cares meeting next Tuesday to support their efforts if possible.
- Graduation Requirements: attended a regional superintendents' meeting with DOE officials regarding the development of the graduation requirement rules. Given the legislated proficiency system requirement, the dilemma is how to address the diverse education needs of all students ("pathways", special education, vocation/technical education, work force, college preparation) with a one size fits all graduation requirement.
- School of Rock: congratulated students, staff and community for this outstanding performance.
- Vinalhaven Community Education and Activity Coordinator: One application has been received and he expects another. Will hire and move forward with the program. Rachel volunteered to be on an interview team.
- Medical Center meeting tomorrow regarding VS health care needs.
- Roy will tour the CTE center next week and meet with the Center's director.

9. **Personnel matters – nominations & resignations:** Roy advised the Board the Stormy Dyer has been hired as a long term math substitute in the MS. The position will be advertised and filled permanently in the spring of 2018.

10. **Set date for November regular meeting:** Next meeting January 17, 2018.

11. **Executive session: None**

12. **Adjournment:** declared by R. Jones at 8:07.