

**MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
December 21, 2016
Middle School Math Room
Minutes**

1. The December 2016 meeting of the Vinalhaven School Board was called to order by chairperson Renee Jones at 6:33 with Board members Bruce Phillip, Rachel Noyes, Kathi Young, and Virginia Wadleigh in attendance along with Supt. Bruce Mailloux and a number of members of staff and community.
2. Kathy Warren introduced our new Island Fellow, Hillary Savage. Hillary spoke a little about her background and her interest in coming to Vinalhaven and was welcomed by all.
- 3.. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Bruce Phillip, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2016 meeting.
4. Communications – Supt Mailloux noted the recent resignation of William Beardsley, the acting Commissioner of Education. Many holiday wishes but overall pretty quiet.
5. Agenda approval –There were a number of changes to the agenda.
 - a. item 8a. senior class trip update – was moved to next month
 - b. 8f.- play ground update- was moved to the 8a. spot
 - c. add 8i. which was to consider the amended 403b agreement
 - d. add 8j. to consider a change of date for the March meetingAfter considering the changes and upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the amended agenda.
- 6 Questions and comments from the public – Brian Wright, our bus driver, noted that the bus has some issues that will need to be addressed. He feels that it might not pass inspection at this time.
5. Principal’s report – see attached
6. New Business
 - a. Kathy Warren provided an update and overview of the proposed playground. With an exception of a few final details, she was able show the Board and those present digital drawing of the main section of the playground and drawings of the total playground layout. The Board liked the design and the anticipated cost was in the range previously discussed. Supt. Mailloux will proceed getting the legal paperwork for a public referendum and it is expected that a Special Board meeting will be called in early January to formally vote in support of the project and to sign warrants.

- b. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Virginia Wadleigh, the Board voted 5-0-0 to accept the bid by Hall Painting to paint the outside of the school. The bid allows for two seasons of painting with the first summer focused on the front of the building and the second summer the back side of the building. Cost of labor and materials not to exceed \$85,500.00
- c. Principal Purrington spoke to the need for additional time when teachers can work as a staff or in vertical teams to accomplish the work needed to be in compliance for a proficiency based school as well as work required as a priority school. At the last meeting, the idea of a late start instead of an early release was discussed. After reviewing this idea, it was determined that there was a conflict with bus transportation as Brian works at his other job starting at 9:00AM. Further review and discussion lead to a proposal by Prin. Purrington that we add four early release days to the balance of the year for a total of nine. Furthermore, all the release days would now start with a release time of 1:00PM instead of the past time of 12:00 noon. This change would mean there is no need to disrupt the lunch schedule, the high school would get through period 5, and the staff work could begin immediately as staff would have already had lunch. Upon a motion by Bruce Phillip, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 4-1-0 to approve the proposal.
- d. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the first reading of a revised policy JJH Student Travel.
- e. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the first reading of a revised policy JJE Fundraising Guidelines.
- f. (Moved to 8a.)
- g. Supt. Mailloux requested some guidance on the 2017-2018 school calendar. The start date, Thanksgiving break, and Christmas break were discussed. Also, alternating winter/spring breaks back to February and April was confirmed. A draft calendar should be ready for the next meeting.
- h. With Supt. Mailloux retiring in June, it is time to start a search for filling the position. Some of the basic details were discussed and a posting will be with MSMA and Serving Schools in January.
- i. MSAD 8 has a 403b agreement allowing for employee payroll deductions to be sent to a vender for investing purposes. The IRS has made some changes and those have to be included in our agreement. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Bruce Phillip, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the updated plan.
- j. With the third Wednesday in March falling in the two week vacation, the Board agreed to change the March meeting date to March 8, 2017.

9. Personnel Matters

Class Trip advisor/Coordinator – Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Megan Day to fill the position.

Resignation – Adult Education – part time director Deb Bowmaster has resigned as she has a new job that will not allow her to continue with VHS.

10. Superintendent's Report

I hope everyone had the opportunity to attend the recent play and the Holiday Concert. Both were very well done and the result of a significant amount of work on the part of students and adults.

Our proficiency based education work continues with, most recently, an early release time last Friday. Prior to time focused on vertical teams, we had a great discussion on what it means to 'pass or fail a class'. The result was that students do not fail a class. They have just not 'completed' the class. For you information, I have included in your meeting materials a piece that came from one of our teachers who taking a class in PBE. It is worth reading. I also included a copy of a lesson and scoring rubric that is currently being used in the middle school.

In the area of maintenance, we had a couple of expenses that were not expected. Our floor scrubber has finally worn out and we are replacing it. We also had a circulator pump for the heating system that needed new seals. Turns out the failed seals could not be removed without damaging the pump and thus the unit has been replaced. We do budget for unanticipated repairs and this year we will use most, if not all, of that amount.

Basketball season is in full swing with the MS starting to wind down and the HS gearing up. Last night the MS girls lost to North Haven and the HS boys won. Also in your Board materials for tonight is a budget report. The difference between the balance of the fiscal year and the balance of budget is 5.36%. In November our difference was 6.42% and 7.47% in October. I would like to see the difference a little lower (4.1 % last year at this time) but we are doing OK. Tomorrow afternoon, Christmas break begins and I would like to wish the Board and all here a very happy holidays. It is a special time of year....enjoy.

11. The January meeting was set for January 18, 2017 with warrants at 6:00 and the meeting at 6:30PM in the middle school science room.

12. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Mailloux

