

**MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting  
February 10, 2016  
Middle School Science Room  
Minutes**

1. The January meeting of the Vinalhaven School Board was called to order at 6:31 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 12 members of the staff and community.
  
2. Upon a motion by Kathi Young, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting.
  
3. Communications – Supt. Mailloux reported our GT waiver request has been approved, it appears Gov. Lepage is appointing himself as the new Commissioner of Education, the annual policy review packet arrived from the DOE, and we have had a very positive conversation with the folks directing the educational programs on Hurricane Island.
  
4. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Sharon Philbrook, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the agenda.
  
5. Questions and comments from the public -none
  
6. Principal's report – Principal Kane's report included information about the DRA assessments, offered congratulations to all basketball teams and provided the first round tournament playoff schedule for the HS boys and girls. He noted the dates for the K-2 performance (3/30 at 6pm), the rescheduled holiday show (2/25 at 6pm) and the 1-act plays at Oceanside (the first weekend in March).
  
7. New Business
  - a. VHS student Polina Walsh made a presentation on her desire to create a Veteran's Appreciation and Support Club. The Board agreed with Polina's desire and upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Bruce Phillip, the Board voted 5-0-0 to support Polina's effort to create a Veteran's Appreciation and Support Club.

b. Alice Bissel and VHS English teacher Dr. Helana Brigman gave an informative presentation on the classroom enrichment activities provided by Erica Hansen.

c. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Sharon Philbrook, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the 2016/2017 school calendar.

d. Supt. Mailloux reported out the findings since the last meeting and upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to discontinue the breakfast program.

e. Upon a motion by Sharon Philbrook, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the second reading and adoption of policy GCFA Employee Social Media Privacy.

f. Supt. Mailloux reported out on the status of a policy review, providing the Board with a summary of the policies we have, new policies to be considered, and current policies recommended for review.

g. Upon a motion by Sharon Philbrook, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the first reading of policy ADC Tobacco Use and Possession as well as the administrative procedure ADC-R.

h. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Sharon Philbrook, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the first reading of policy EBCF - Automated External Defibrillators.

i. Personnel  
Resignations

1. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Bruce Phillip, the Board voted 5-0-0 to accepted, with thanks for many years of service, the resignation of Matt Slivinsky as the VHS baseball coach.

2. Upon a motion by Bruce Phillip, seconded by Renee Jones, the Board voted 5-0-0 to accept, with appreciation for his work, the resignation of Tim Kane as the principal of the Vinalhaven School.

Nominations

Upon the motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Bruce Phillip, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve Doug Littlefield as the VHS softball coach.

j. The Board discussed some ideas for the process of budget preparation with no decisions at this time.

## 8. Old Business

### a. Supt's Report - Supt Mailloux reported:

1. The decision has been made by the seniors and their parents, with full support of the school administration, to change the destination of their senior class trip due to concerns about the Zika virus. After careful review and student voting, the new destination is San Diego, Ca.

2. We are pleased to announce that the School Wide Plan has been approved and accepted. Board members have a copy in their packet and are available for the public in the business office. This plan represents a huge amount of time and work by the members of our Priority Schools team. The team members doing the lion's share of the work are Jill Oakes, Mae Applegate, Cherie Doughty, Robb Warren, Pat Paquet, Emma Baker, Principal Tim Kane, and NCLB Coordinator Kathy Warren. Thank you !!

3. The MCST budget will be voted upon by the MCST Board soon. The Vinalhaven assessment increased 1.44% or \$1,441.00. While the MCST budget increased by .95% or \$28,429.00. Our share of the assessment is based on the number of students in our HS and will go up or down as populations change. I find the MCST budget and our assessment very acceptable.

4. MCST and the sending schools are working on a proposal for the issuing of credit to MCST students that would be acceptable to the sending schools. Board members have a summary of the work so far. A formal consideration of the proposal will come before the Board in the near future.

5. It is tournament season and we are fortunate to have both the boys' team and girls' team in the tournaments this year. Boys play Saturday the 13th at 8:30 AM and the girls on Monday the 15th at 8:30. The ferry service has agreed to run the first boat on Saturday and Monday at 6:30 instead of 7:00 to help folks get to Augusta in a time to see the game.

6. February vacation is here.....be safe and enjoy.

9. The next meeting was set for March 16, 2016.

10. With no need for an Executive Session at this time, the Board meeting was adjourned 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Mailloux