

MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
February 15, 2017
Middle School Science Room
Minutes

1. The February 15, 2017 Regular Board meeting of MSAD #8 was called to order at 6:30 by Chairperson Renee Jones in the Middle School Science room with Board members Bruce Philip, Kathi Young, Rachel Noyes and Virginia Wadleigh in attendance along with Supt. Bruce Mailloux , Business Manager Kathy Warren and approximately 20 members of the staff and community.
2. Upon a motion by Kathi Young, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Renee was absent for the last meeting) to approve the minutes of the January 18th 2017 Board meeting.
3. Bruce reported that the phase 1 portion of the State's Blue Ribbon report from the Commission to Reform Public Education Funding and Improving Student Performance in Maine had been received. From the USDOE, the Federal Civil Rights Data Collection report is do and there was all kinds of material going around about the new USDOE cabinet appointment. Also, many much appreciated messages from the Knox county emergency preparedness office.
4. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve an amended agenda where items 7b and 7c were reversed.
5. Comments from the public – Cherie Doughty thanked the Board for the Valentine flowers. There were some comments about the results of the referendum vote.
6. Principal's report – see Superintendent's Report
7. New Business
 - a. Bruce informed the Board and public about a new scholarship. The Mike Rubashkin Inspirational Scholarship that will be awarded to two students completing 8th grade that have plans to attend a post secondary school. The notice of award will occur at the end of their 8th grade year and the actual awarding of the \$1000.00 scholarships will occur after the students are enrolled in a post secondary school.
 - b. Data update – The data managers for three of the grade level teams presented an update on student testing results. Cheri Doughty talked about K-2 and referenced the NWEA and DRA testing results. Mae Applegate presented a current data board that included pie charts and the progress of student year to date. Jill Oakes presented a detailed breakdown of test scores and scores by math and ELA strands for the high school. In all three reports the results were good and, for the most part, showed excellent student progress at the halfway point of the year.
 - c. Playground Referendum – Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Renee Jones, the Board voted 5-0-0 to certify the results of the February 14, 2017 referendum vote with 133 affirmative votes and 134 negative votes, the motion failed. There was significant discussion on the results and what to do next by the Board and community members in attendance. The playground committee is recommending another referendum and will

have some changes to present to the Board at a Special Board meeting on Tuesday February 21st at 6:15 where the Board will consider calling for another referendum.

- d. Bruce talked about the possible tournament games that might occur on school days the week of 2/20-2/24. Students attending those games as spectators will need to provide a note from home to the school for the absence. Staff desiring to attend will have to make arrangements with the Superintendent.
- e. The Superintendent Search committee is almost complete and is expected to meet very soon to start the search process.
- f. Administrative structure – Bruce presented some thoughts on possible changes in the administrative structure for next year. Since we are looking to fill two admin positions it is at least a good time to discuss the matter. After some informative discussion, it was agreed that Bruce would generate some proposals with estimated costs for the Board to take a look at as we move into budget considerations for next year.

8. Superintendent's report:

1. Yesterday we were pleased to receive a check in the amount of \$1520.00 to help support the Skippers program. The check came from SEANET –
2. NAEP- The NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) testing that was scheduled for last Friday has been moved to Friday March 3rd. This is a test administered to 4th and 8th graders in the area of mathematics and ELA.
3. We are fortunate this year to have both the boys and girls teams in the tournament. Boys play on Saturday and the girls on Monday.
4. Last week we had a school wide assembly that was put on by the folks who are offering a circus camp next summer. They talked about the history of the circus and two performer put on an entertaining demonstration of juggling and gymnastics. Students had many questions of the performers and the assembly seemed to be enjoyed by all.
5. Teacher certification (licensing) is in for some changes. Sometime this spring the DOE certification office is going to activate a process where teachers will submit their recertification credentials electronically to the DOE and receive their certification in a similar manner from the DOE. Hopefully this change will speed up the recertification process for educators. Right now, the certification office is weeks (months) behind in the processing of recertification applications. Their office, like many State offices, is experiencing more complex recertification requirements and expected to do this with less people.
6. It has taken time but our eligibility policy is finally falling into place. Thanks to the efforts of Susan Philbrick, we now have a colorful visual representation of the policy which has been very helpful. We have also tied senior privileges to the eligibility policy. Seniors must be proficient in all the Habits of Work in order to maintain their senior privileges.

7. Snow and weather have been a bit of a challenge lately but spring will arrive sometime.

Respectfully submitted
Bruce Mailloux

9. Personnel Matters

- a. Resignations : Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to accept the resignation of Principal Nate Purrington effective June 30, 2017.

10. The next meeting was set for March 8, 2017 in the MS Science room. Note this is a week earlier than the normal meeting time due to spring break.

11. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Kathi Young, the board voted 5-0-0 at 8:05 PM to enter Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1 405 6A1 a Personnel matter.

12. No action resulting from the Executive Session when the Board returned to Open Session at 8:30 PM

13. With no further action, Board Chairperson Renee Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:31.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Mailloux