

MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
January 20, 2016
Middle School Science Room
Minutes

1. The January meeting of the Vinalhaven School Board was called to order at 6:35 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 26 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 December 16, 2015 meeting.
3. Communications - Bruce noted that the issue of significant increases in medical insurance due to small school districts being excluded from the MEA plan had been averted. The problem was an unintended result of changes in federal medical coverage. One plan does not work for all.
4. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the agenda.
5. Questions and comments from the public - The only question was regarding the status of the playground project. There have been discussions with the architect to clarify ideas, discussion with the Bond Bank and Camden National in regards to financing, and discussions with a group that does volunteer work for island communities and might be interested in working on a part of the project.
6. Principal's report - The principal's report included notes on the Early Release day January 29, the upcoming DRA and NWEA assessments, the status of high school and middle school basketball teams, drama events including the rescheduled holiday show and the 'one act' competition, a priority team update, and a reminder of February break dates.
7. New Business

a. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Bruce Phillip, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Rachel Noyes) to approve the French Club trip to France.

b. School calendar for 2016 -2017 - Consideration on this agenda item resulted in considerable discussion from the Board members and the public. As has been the case in the past, there are strong opinions about each of the two calendar options with the numbers being pretty much divided in a 50/50 ratio. After significant good discussion and upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 4-1-0 to direct the Superintendent to prepare a draft 16/17 calendar with a two week winter break in March for consideration at the next Board meeting. It was further understood that we would continue with the alternating winter break schedule.

c. Breakfast Program - Supt. Mailloux's proposal to discontinue the breakfast program due to low numbers also generated a lot of discussion. Some good ideas were put forth and the Board decided to postpone any action on the proposal to allow time to investigate the feasibility of some of the suggestions

d. Policy - Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Sharon Philbrook, the Board voted to approve a first reading of policy GCFH - Employee Social Media Privacy

e. Class trip - Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to create a committee to discuss the future of the senior class trip. Rachel Noyes volunteered to chair the committee.

f. Personnel

1. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to accept the resignation of Kate Bishop.

2. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Faye Grant to fill the half year social studies position.

8. Superintendent's report - see attached

9. Next meeting - due to the winter break, the next meeting will be a week earlier than normal and is set for February 10, 2016 in the middle school science room with warrants at 6:00 and the meeting at 6:30.

10. At 8:05 and upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to enter in executive session pursuant to MRSA 405(6) D to discuss negotiations.

11. At 9:12 the Board returned to open session and with no further business and upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Mailloux