

Minutes
MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
March 21, 2018
Middle School Science Room
6:30 PM

Board Members Present: Renee Jones, Virginia Wadleigh, Laura Lazaro, Kathi Young

Absent: Rachel Noyes

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 February 28, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion K. Young/second L. Lazaro to approve. (4-0)**
3. **Communications:** None
4. **Approval of the agenda: Motion K. Young/second L. Lazaro to approve. (4-0)**
5. **Questions and comments from the public:** No comments
6. **Principal's Report by A. Kirkpatrick**
 - MS science fair on March 29
 - Student of the Month Assembly in the gym March 29.
 - March and April are assessment months. Grades 3-8 will do state reading and math and grades 5/8/11 will do science. Thanked Robb Warren for volunteering to coordinate the assessment process and scheduling.
7. **New Business**
 - A. **Action to call a Special District Meeting**, and to sign warrants, on March 28, 2018, for the purpose of authorizing to expend up to \$ \$37,500 from the Minor Capital Projects/Capital Reserve for the purpose of 1.) the school exterior painting project as previously approved by the School Board on December 21, 2016 and 2.) up to \$35,00 from Tech Reserve for a new phone system **Motion R Jones/second K. Young (4-0)**
 - B. **Priority Team report:** Roy presented and explained a tracking spreadsheet listing the school's Priority Goals and expected Outcomes for each of those goals. Goal # 1 is implementation of Proficiency Based Education (PBE). Robb Warren then explained the key definitions used in PBE and how the English/Language Arts vertical team is attaining the outcomes listed on the tracking spreadsheet. All curriculum vertical teams are doing similar work and are in various stages of that work. We will attempt to use this tracking spreadsheet to do reports to the board and the community several times a year. Roy commended the teachers for the great work they have accomplished in meeting our PBE goals and that the PBE journey will be long and challenging.

C. Course grade computation methodology policies

1. GPA Calculation Policy IKA-2: Randy Pits did a presentation on the methodology we propose using to combine the traditional grades earned by some of our students with the current PBE scoring system. The goal is to establish a fair, consistent and transparent system anchored in an agreed and published policy.
2. Grading and Credit Policy IKA-1: Randy did a second presentation on a policy detailing proposed methodology to calculate and determine whether or not credit is awarded for a course or educational experience in a PBE system. A student would need to have an average of “meets standard” in all required graduation standards identified by the teacher in a subject AND have NO “does not meet standards” in order to earn credit. The goal is to establish a fair, consistent and transparent system anchored in an agreed and published policy.

After discussion and some parent input, Motion R. Jones/Second V. Wadleigh to approve as a first reading (4-0)

- D. Post Secondary Options (IHCD) policy:** Roy presented an edited draft of Policy IHCD approved by the Board in December 2007. The substance of the policy remains unchanged. Revisions include greater teacher and principal input into the approval process, that the college courses cannot be taken in lieu of A.P. courses offered at VS, and that college courses will not be used in GPA calculation. It was pointed out that the policy does not include a process to grant waivers for policy exceptions and that the waiver process should involve more than one person.

Motion K. Young/Second L. Lazaro to approve as a first reading instructing Roy to include a waiver process in a second reading draft. (4-0)

- E. Graduation policy revisions (IFK):** Roy reviewed a revised draft of policy IFK passed by the Board in April, 2015. Due to the late hour, any discussion or action was tabled until the next meeting.

- F. Approval of the 2018-2019 school calendar:** Roy reviewed the draft calendar that is similar to the current year but continues the alternating years of February/April and March breaks. **Motion R. Jones/second K. Young to approved the calendar but to move the March break to the second and third weeks of March rather than the first and second weeks as shown in the draft. (4-0)**

8. **Superintendent's Report: None**

9. **Personnel matters – nominations & resignations:**

- Upon Roy’s recommendation, **motion L. Lazaro/second V. Wadleigh to appoint Doug Littlefield as varsity softball coach and Tom Anthony as baseball coach for the 2018 season. (4-0)**
- Roy informed the Board that teacher Neal Young has resigned effect the end of this school year.
- We have two applications for Special Education Director. Renee will participate in interviews.

10. **Next meeting April 25**

11. **Executive session to discuss a personnel matter: None**

12. **Adjournment:** by R. Jones at 8:20