

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

1. The March 8, 2017 Regular Board meeting of MSAD #8 was called to order at 6:31 Chair Person 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 and approximately 10 members of the staff, community, and student body.
2. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Kathi Young, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting.
3. Upon a motion by Kathi Young, seconded by Renee Jones, the Board voted 3-0-2 to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of February 21, 2017.
4. Recent communications included the arrival of last year's MEA scores, significant amounts of legislative news, the report from our Food Service Review, and an update of how Maine is impacted by the Federal changes in the transgender rights ruling.
5. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the agenda as presented.
6. Public Comment – A request was made about the process to rent the school bus for a private event.
7. Principal's Report – included in the Supt.'s Report attached
8. New Business
 - a. Robb Warren gave a presentation on the grade3-5 writing program that utilizes the Lucy Calkins approach to teaching writing.
 - b. Supt. Mailloux gave a playground update that noted the increased fund and grant writing efforts, reminded folks of the public hearing on the 9th, and addressed recent stories about playground soft surfaces being carcinogenic. (our proposed surface is not that type of material)
 - c. Supt. Mailloux presented the Board with a group of new or updated job descriptions for their review and future consideration for adoption.
 - d. The process for the selection of a new superintendent is moving along very well. The Board has interviewed the two finalists and expect to finalize the hiring at a special board meeting on March 29th.
 - e. Supt. Mailloux advised the Board that the office will be ready for some budget workshops after break into the first three weeks of April.
9. Superintendent's Report

Girl's Basketball – Congratulations to the team and fans for a great season. The degree of skill and confidence with which they played through the tournament was commendable. People from my home area were impressed with the confidence and maturity with which they played. They were really surprised to hear that there was only one senior on the team.

As we work our way through the search for a Superintendent, we are starting the search for a new principal. The position is posted and applications are starting to come in. We hope to get started on the formal process right after break.

The 4th grade and 8th grade completed their NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) testing on March 3rd. The test administrators were very complimentary of our students, their behavior, and the effort and seriousness they demonstrated in taking the test

The seniors are preparing for their senior class trip which starts next week. We wish them to be safe, be smart, and enjoy the experience.

On February 24th our early release work was focused on a presentation by tech director Randy Pitts that dealt with a data management system for grades and assessments. The problem has been how do we keep track of which performance indicators and standards students are working on and where are they in terms of meeting those PI or standards. Working with Infinite Campus, Randy has put together a system that will meet most of our needs and will be user friendly for staff and for reporting to parents.

Also, on February 24th, lunch for the staff was provided by members of the School Board. The lunch was excellent and very much appreciated by staff. Thank you !!! (the next ER is April 14th)

Winter break is upon us and it appears like folks are ready !

10. Personnel matters – Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Bruce Phillip, the Board voted 5-0-0 to accept the resignation, effective immediately, of principal Nate Purrington.
11. The Board set March 29th at 6:00 as the time for a Special Board Meeting to certify the results of the March 28 referendum and to possibly vote on the hiring of a new superintendent. The next Regular Board meeting was set for 6:30 on April 19, 2017.
12. With no further business, Chair Person Renee adjourned the meeting at 7:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Mailloux
Superintendent

