

MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
May 17, 2017
Middle School Science Room
Minutes

1. The May 17, 2017 Regular Board meeting of MSAD #8 was called to order at 6:31 by Chair Person Renee Jones in the Middle School Science room with Board members Bruce Philip, Rachel Noyes, and Virginia Wadleigh in attendance along with Supt. Bruce Mailloux and approximately 15 members of the staff, community, and student body.
2. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Bruce Philip, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting.
3. Upon a motion by Rachel Noyes, seconded by Virginia Wadleigh, the Board voted 3-0-1 to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 26, 2017.
4. Action on the minutes of the May 4, 2017 Special Board Meeting was tabled to the next meeting.
5. Communications –Most items concern the legislature and actions involving education matters. The State budget approval is being closely watched as the impact on education is significant. From the certification office, we have received notice that all teachers and administrators with certification expiring June 30, 2017 will have an automatic one year extension to allow for the completion of work on a new online system of recertification.
6. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the agenda as presented.
7. Public Comment – Sam Thompson commented on the damage to the gym bleachers by the spring ball teams. Jamie Harris spoke about her concerns for additional help for her son and she was assured her son will have the help she is requesting for next year.
8. Principal's Report – included in the Supt.'s Report below
9. New Business
 - a. Supt. Mailloux gave a brief update on the playground work. A charrette was held May 9th with 14-16 people attending. The discussion was helpful in giving the committee some direction as things move.
 - b. Students in the Skipper's Program gave a report on their efforts to grow kelp in Carver's Pond. They were able to grow some kelp but not as much as they had hoped. Despite the less than desired results, it was a good learning experience about aquaculture.
 - c. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded by Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 4-0-0 to transfer \$50,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance to the Capital Reserve and to transfer \$15,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance to the Technology Reserve.
 - d. Upon a motion by Renee Jones, seconded Rachel Noyes, the Board voted 4-0-0 to adopt, with a few corrections, the following new or revised job descriptions: Superintendent, Principal, Teacher, Director of Special Services, Business Manager, Coach, Math Team Advisor, National Honor

Society Advisor, Yearbook Advisor, Librarian/Media Specialist, Guidance Counselor, Technology Director, Substitute Teacher, and Athletic Director.

- e. Rachel Noyes spoke to some thoughts on the future of the Senior Class Trip. Discussions have been going on for some time and it has been suggested that maybe the trip should no longer be under the umbrella of school control. The trip can still happen but will be controlled by parents. They will decide on the destination, the chaperones, handle the money, and take care of the liability insurance. Further discussion and possible action will be on the agenda for the June meeting.
- f. For the next two summers we need a lift for building maintenance purposes, specifically painting the building. Maintenance director Alan Koenig has determined that the rental cost for two summers is actually more than the cost of purchasing a used lift. Between the town and the school, there is often a need for a lift and the Board agreed with Alan that it makes common sense to purchase rather than rent.

10. Superintendent's Report

As we move forward with Proficiency Based Education, we have found a need to provide some training for teachers, particularly MS and HS, for differentiated instruction. When we talk about differentiated instruction we are referring to the classroom where there may be multiple groups of students working at different levels for a given subject area. Very common in an elementary classroom but not so much at the secondary levels. We are utilizing grant money to offer a two day workshop in August to offer this training with Matt Shea from RSU 2.

I hope you all had the opportunity to visit the art show on April 20. Heather and her art students did a tremendous job and it was seen and appreciated by an estimated 300 people.

Our budget newsletter is being printed as we meet and will be on its way to the island tomorrow. The plan is for the newsletter to be in mailboxes on Friday.

Just a reminder, the annual budget meeting is set for June 1st and the Validation Referendum is occurring on June 13th. Also note the when we finished up our budget work, we were looking at a budget increase of 2.53%. When we factor in the adult Ed. portion, which went down, the final total budget increase is 1.92%.

Proficiency Based Education

- a. We spent the early release afternoon on the 12th mapping out a process to offer 'intervention time' for students. These are designated times when students can get extra help in completing or meeting particular performance indicators or standards. A number of great ideas were offered and now we need to refine the ideas into a workable process.
- b. A part of PBE, we are required to have a process whereby all students are able to provide evidence that they have met the Maine Guiding Principles. Once again, we have borrowed' an idea from another district where students self-select evidence to be used by them in a senior year end presentation. The committee have made great progress and we expect to put the process to staff by the end of the year.
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11. Personnel matters - none

12. The next Regular Board meeting was set for 6:30 on June 21, 2017.

13. With no further business, Chair Person Renee adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Mailloux
Superintendent