

Minutes
MSAD #8 School Board Special Meeting
July 19, 2017
Middle School Science Room
6:00 PM

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

Administration Present: Superintendent Roy Crawford, Principal Ann Kirkpatrick

1. **Call to order** by Board Chair Renee Jones at 6:02 PM
2. Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer \$37,500 from Capital Reserve to Minor Capital Projects and to expend up to \$ \$37,500 from the Minor Capital Projects for the purpose of the school exterior painting project as previously approved by the School Board on December 16, 2016? **Motion R Noyes/second R Jones (5-0-0)**
3. **Adjournment:** 6:03 PM

Upon review, it was determined that this meeting was not properly posted with a Board approved warrant. A Special Meeting will be held August 2, 2017 to approve the warrant for this action to be considered at a meeting to be held at 6:00 PM on August 16, 2017.

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MSAD #8 School Board Regular Monthly Meeting
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Business Meeting 6:30 PM

- 1) **Call to order** by Board Chair Renee Jones at 6:31
- 2) **Board Organization for 2017-2018.** Superintendent Crawford asked for nominations for Board Chairperson.
 - a. **Motion R. Noyes/second L. Lazaro to elect Renee Jones as Board Chairperson (5-0-0)** R. Jones then assumed leadership of the meeting.
 - b. **Motion R Jones/second K Young to elect Rachel Noyes as Vice Chairperson (5-0-0)**
 - c. **Motion R. Noyes /second L. Lazaro to elect Renee Jones as representative to the Region 8 Board (5-0-0)**
- 3) **Action on the minutes of the June 30, 2017 Special Board meeting. Motion R Jones/second K Young to approve (2-0-3)** Note three abstentions due to two members being absent from that meeting, and one member had not yet begun her Board term.
- 4) **Action on the minutes of the June 26, 2017 District Budget meeting: Motion R Noyes/second K Young to approve ((4-0-1)**
- 5) **Action on the minutes of the June 22, 2017 Regular Board meeting: Motion R Noyes/second V. Wadleigh to approve. (4-0-1)**

- 6) **Communications:** Superintendent Crawford distributed a Board information bulletin he had received from LRP Publications. He also informed the Board that VS had received revised State funding numbers. Due to our successful appeal of the minimum economically disadvantaged adjustment calculation, and adoption of the final state education budget, VS will receive \$106,110 more than anticipated, which will reduce the local tax assessment by that same amount. The budget as approved by the voters would have increased the local school assessment by 5.83%. That increase will now be reduced to 2.3%. All Board members expressed their extreme pleasure and had been hopeful the state funds would be reinstated. Board action is required and will be added to this agenda.
- 7) **Approval of the agenda: Motion R. Jones/second R. Noyes to add revising the local assessment to the agenda as item 10.d. (5-0)**
- 8) **Questions and comments from the public:** None
- 9) **Principal's Report:** Principal Kirkpatrick summarized her time spent at VS since her appointment in March (Staff early release work sessions, HS Graduation, Priority Team meeting, etc.) as well as her participation (along with Superintendent Crawford, Board Member R Noyes, and the teacher grade level team leaders) in a three day Island Institute Workshop at College of the Atlantic on July 11, 12, and 13. In addition, she has organized her office and is working through a rather long list of tasks she hopes to complete before the start of the school year. See the attached Work Plan generated by the Leadership Team at the July workshop.

Principal Kirkpatrick summarized the hiring process for new HS English teacher. The hiring committee will include the principal, a parent/community member, a Board member, and appropriate teachers.

10) New Business

- a. Discussion 8th graders playing on varsity teams: See the attached guidelines which will appear in the student and athletic handbooks. Superintendent Crawford presented the attached document. He, Principal Kirkpatrick and A.D. Nelson developed these guidelines with some leadership team input and Board input from the June 22 meeting. The Board agreed that the guidelines represent a sensible approach which attempts to balance the developmental needs of individual students with the need to field viable HS teams. It clearly states that final decisions will be made by the parents and that no pressure will be brought to bear on the student or his/her family. It was suggested that coaches and students be informed soon so if appropriate, the process can be implemented prior to preseason soccer practices.
- b. Discussion and possible second reading and adoption on proposed changes to the Graduation Requirements, policy IFK.
R. Noyes pointed out a contradiction that although graduation will no longer be a function of accumulating credits, the policy states that 23 credits would be required to graduate. It was agreed that a number of inconsistencies exist in the document. Principal Kirkpatrick suggested the policy be tabled (it is not time sensitive) until she has a chance to meet with teachers to refine and edit. The Board agreed with this suggestion. Other discussion included what constitutes an "experience" and is requiring 23 "credits" or "experiences" discouraging for some students.
- c. Discussion on revised and new job descriptions

Superintendent Crawford indicated that the job descriptions are “boiler plate” and meet all legal standards, but are not necessary particular to VS, nor should they be. There was some confusion whether some JDs had already been approved. Crawford said he would like to research more thoroughly the language used describing the physical requirements of some positions, particularly Food Service, Custodian, and Maintenance Worker. It was agreed to table approval to later agendas, and perhaps only to a small number of JDs at each meeting.

- d. **Motion R. Noyes/second K. Young to approve** a letter to the Vinalhaven Tax Assessors specifying the final local assessment needed due to the revised state budget and the school’s successful appeal of the minimum economically disadvantaged adjustment calculation and allocation. This local amount is reduced from \$3,083,974 to 2,977,865 (-\$106,110 or -3.35%). **(5-0-0)**
- e. **Superintendent's Report:** Supt. Crawford summarized the attached work list generated by the Leadership Team at the July workshop referenced by Principal Kirkpatrick. He made the document available to the Board so they can see the extent of the work to be done, and to assure them that school leadership is working toward a smooth and successful school opening. R. Noyes pointed out that she had requested Board training be placed on that work list and Board members indicated they were happy for Rachel to work with Roy and bring a more detailed proposal to the August 16 Board meeting.

11) **Personnel matters** – nominations & resignations: None

12.) **Set date and room choice for the August meeting:** 16 August 2017 in MS
Science Room. 6:00 Sign Warrants: 6:30 Begin Business Meeting

13.) Adjournment: 8:00 PM