

Minutes
MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
August 16, 2017
School Library
6:30 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 R. Jones at 6:30 P.M.
2. **Action on the minutes of the August 2, 2017 Special Board meeting.** Motion K. Young/second R. Jones (3-0-2) Three Board members were in attendance at this August 2, 2017 meeting.
3. **Action on the minutes of the July 19, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting:** Motion K. Young/second L. Lazaro (5-0-0)
4. **Action on minutes of July 19, 2017 Special Meeting:** Motion R. Noyes/second V. Wadleigh (5-0-0)
5. **Communications:** None
6. **Approval of the revised agenda:** Motion R. Noyes/second L. Lazaro (5-0-0)
7. **Questions and comments from the public:**
Holly Sault provided a progress report from the Playground committee which included the following points:
 - There have been site visits by three possible vendors
 - The new plan includes the option of a woodchip ground covering
 - The new plan will be within the current playground footprint
 - The new plan will include a smaller playground structure
 - The new plan will keep the existing basketball court and include lower basketball hoops, and four square and hop scotch courts
 - The Committee is seeking a local volunteer “expert” to assist with the design and technical aspects of the plan
 - In an effort to raise public awareness and funds, 23 businesses have committed to a 23 August “Vinalhaven Plays” event. Businesses will donate a percentage of their proceeds to the project, and informational fliers will be available.
 - Superintendent Crawford and Principal Kirkpatrick will join the Playground Committee for their 23 August meeting.
8. **Principal's Report:** Principal Kirkpatrick provided information about the school master schedule and the many drafts she and Counselor Wanda Davis-Oakes have developed, The schedule is nearing completion and will be

mailed to high school students soon. She also described how each school day will begin for all students (recitation of the Pledge to the Flag, announcements, and recitation of the school code of conduct. She also highlighted meetings she has attended with the Leadership Team and the Priority Team, and generally referenced many meetings she has held with parents.

Ms. Kirkpatrick also commended the great work done by 18 VS teachers who attended a two day training at the school on August 15 and 16. The training was designed to help teachers meet the needs of individual and groups of students (differentiation) as they work to meet the VS Learning Targets.

9. **Old Business:** None

10. **New Business**

a. Grade 12 Class trip: Senior presentation: Nine members of the Class of 2018 presented details of their proposed Senior Class trip to Hawaii. They have fundraised \$28,000 which will cover the travel, lodging, and excursion costs for 13 of the 16 seniors plus the required chaperones. Three students have chosen not to participate. The students indicated that Hawaii has been their preferred destination since grade 7. In response to a number of questions, the following additional information was provided:

- Food: Breakfast will be provided by the hotel and two meals will be provided as part of planned excursions. All other meals will either be paid individually by students or through further fund raising.
- Excursions: Two will be paid for by the class, others will be paid for by individuals
- Funding is adequate for all 13 seniors who have expressed an interest and have been engaged in fundraising.
- In case of an emergency whereby a parent would be required to fly to Hawaii to assist their child, all parents have agreed to voluntarily contribute to pay for those emergency travel expenses.
- The procedures to choose chaperones have not yet been undertaken and must be completed by October.

Motion L. Lazaro/second V. Wadleigh to approved the trip as presented. (4-0-1)

b. Discussion on revised and new job descriptions: Superintendent Crawford highlighted the differences in education qualifications and DOE permissible job responsibilities for each of the three Ed. Tech. positions. **Motion** R. Jones/second R. Noyes (5-0)

c. Student Handbooks and Code of Conduct: Tabled. They remain a work in progress.

11. **Superintendent's Report:**

- Met with fall coaches and Sandy Nelson regarding 8th Grade Guidelines and Sports Eligibility
- Attended the MSMA New Superintendent Orientation as a refresher, even though he has 26 years of superintendent experience. He was able to reconnect with the staff and services of MSMA.
- Met with Alan Struck, the DOE Priority School Support person.
- Met with Town Manager Andy Dhor: Introductions and shared their backgrounds and experiences
- Ongoing meetings with teacher Leadership Team to discuss: scheduling, handbooks, 8th grade sports, sports eligibility, opening of school details, and teacher differentiation workshops on August 15 and 16.

12. **Personnel matters** – nominations & resignations: **Motion** R. Jones/second R. Noyes to approve the following coaches as recommend by the superintendent: HS Boys Soccer: Richard Carlsen, HS Girls Soccer: Susan Philbrook, MS Co-ed Soccer: Chris DiSalvator (5-0)

As recommended by the superintendent, **Motion** R. Jones/second K. Young to appoint Collette Garse as HS English Teacher (5-0)
13. **Set date and room choice for the September meeting:** September 20 in the MS science room. 6:00 Sign Warrant. 6:30 Begin Regular meeting
14. **Motion** R. Jones, second K. Young to add and Executive Session to the agenda for the purpose of discussing an individual employment and contract matter, with no action to be taken following the session. (5-0) Enter Executive Session at 7:35

Motion R. Jones/second K. Young to leave executive session at 8:00.
15. **Adjournment:** 8:00 PM