

**MSAD #8 School Board Monthly Meeting
September 17, 2014
High School French Rm.
Warrant Signing 6:00 PM
Business Meeting 6:30 PM**

Present : Sharon Philbrook, Kathi Young, Bruce Philip, Annette Cash, Renee Jones, Bruce Mailloux, Tim Kane, Kathy Warren, Bryan Feezor, Chris DiSalvatore, Megan Day, Alonzo Hoose, Danielle Webster, Emily Cohn, Jessica Farrelly, Matt Slivinsky, Alan Lazaro, Kris Osgood, Susan Philbrook, Everett Webster, Traci Webster, Abby Harris, Ashley Davis-Oakes, Danielle Newton, Virginia Wadleigh, Adam Young, Shannon Young, Doug Day,

1. Call to order by Board Chair - **Motion to call the meeting to order at 6:30 by Renee Jones**
2. Approval of minutes for the August 20th meeting - **Motion to approve the minutes of the 8-20-14 meeting. Bruce Philip, Second Annette Cash 5y**
3. Communications - **MSMA Conference in October 23rd & 24th. Please see Bruce or Penny regarding reservations and arrangements.**
4. Approval of the agenda - **Motion to approve the agenda as presented Renee Jones Second Bruce Philip 5y**
5. Questions and comments from the public - **Samantha Thompson asked about Special Ed Tech support and about who makes the schedule for the regular Ed Tech.**
6. Principal's report - **Tim presented his report. He has been meeting with each of the classes and going over the rules, procedures, getting to know everyone. He's been reading to the 1st graders and helping out with the K-5 soccer and really enjoying being back working with the kids.**

NWEA testing has started

The community Attendance forum will be next week , Wednesday the 24th, at 6:30 . The intention is to describe our current practice, the applicable state law, the educational issues that we are hoping to address, and then open it up for general discussion to discuss peoples thoughts and concerns.

7. New Business

a. Presentation on proposed senior class trip - The Class of 2015 presented their proposal for their senior class trip in March of 2015. Their first choice is to go to Barbados. Ashley Davis Oakes presented the educational and natural attractions they would like to visit. Caves, movies sets, beaches, and a submarine museum & store. Their second choice is their Dominican Republic, Abby Harris described some places there that they wanted to go to. Caves, Whale watches, scuba diving, also the largest wind farm in the Caribbean is located there. Punta Cana is one of the major attractions there. Adam Young did some research on crime rates and found that both places have lower crime rates than Maine. Barbados is best. The Board approved the class pursuing further information about both destinations.

b. Report on the Mid Coast School of Technology architectural study - Bobby Deetjen presented the mission behind our Career and Technical region, what educational needs CTE is designed to meet and the difference between CTE and Vocational education. Currently the building has outlived its usefulness and the vision for future programs CTE is hoping to offer. They will be undergoing an assessment process of both the facility and the programs which will result in a recommendation for future development and investment in programs and facilities. He described how the certifications that CTE students are gaining are the same certifications required professionally by places like BIW and Cianbro and other technical employers. Island CTE program vary. NH's is Applied Arts, VH is Building Trades, Islesboro is Horticulture. MCST is also currently affiliated with the Bridge program at Hermon HS and the United Technology Center. This allows students to gain a entire year of college credits during their high school program. Bobby took questions from audience.

Five Towns and MCST have a program that allows freshman to visit two or three programs and get a sampling of what is offered there. Discussion regarding VH's programs and how working together on the Bridge programs might work.

c. Discussion - softball field issue

Softball field - we have regrassed the softball field. It is growing back well and the soccer concerns have been addressed in that way. At this time we have received a notice of grievance from Softball Coach Doug Littlefield regarding the lack of an equitable facility for the girls. Bruce would like to have a sub committee of the Board work with him to address the possibilities.

Sam Thompson asked if we could please work with the Town to determine if we could recreate a regulation ball field on the old ball ground.

Bruce Philip and Annette Cash will be the sub-committee of the Board to address this issue.

d. Update on Proficiency Based Diploma / Standards Based Instruction

Bruce Mailloux announced that our presenter on August 28th from Great Schools Partnership cancelled their workshop day with us. We have since parted company on our contract with them. Next Saturday Bruce will be meeting with Sue Pratt, Supt in Rangely who has been working on their PBD/SBI process. She is going to share with us. We have also contacted Carissa ... The curriculum coordinator in Rockland who is also going to help us get SBI implemented.

On October 10th we will be having an NWEA workshop on analyzing NWEA test data while a team of staff who are going to be working on PBD/SBI will be working to set up a timeline for our PBD implementation. We are going to apply for a two year extension but Bruce's goal is to go forward with implementation in 2018.

e. Soccer field score board proposal

Motion to support and accept the scoreboard donation and installation. Renee Jones, Second Sharon Philbrook 5y

f. Action Personnel matters

We have hired Scott Candage to fill the Library Media Specialist position.

We have hired Wanda Davis Oakes to fill the newly identified Kindergarten Special Ed Tech position.

**Motion to approve Stormy Dyers one year leave of absence. Renee Jones
Second Bruce Philip 5y**

Motion to approve Chris DiSalvatore for a one year position as our Middle School Math Teacher and Middle School Soccer coach. Renee Jones , Second Bruce Philip 5y

8. Old Business

a. Superintendent's Report. **Bruce reported on the large group of new Superintendents in the midcoast area. He introduced the initiative we will be working one this year around the mandatory new teacher evaluations system.**

9. Set date and room choice for the October meeting - **October 15th in the MS Math room.**

10. Adjournment - **Motion to adjourn at 7:46 Bruce Philip, Second Renee Jones 5y**