

School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting
Tuesday August 14, 2024
5:15 pm Business Meeting / 5:30 Regular Meeting
Location: VH Middle School

Board Present – Alexandra McCarthy, Chair, Sarah Crossman, Vice Chair, Penny Lazaro, Sue Dempster and Matt Crosier

Admin Present – Katrina Kane, Superintendent Tina Davidson, Business Manager and Bryan Feezor, Assistant Principal

- I. Call of the Roll 5:31 PM
- I. Approval of Minutes – June 18, 2024 – A McCarthy motion to approve June 18, 2024 minutes/S Crossman seconds (5-0)
- II. Persons desiring to address the Board – Hailey Harwood asked the board if her child could participate in the co-curricular and wheels this year while she homeschools. Beverly Warren discussed her concerns with not having enough Ed Tech support this year.
- III. Approval of the August 14, 2024 Agenda – A McCarthy motion to accept August 14, 2024 agenda/M Crosier seconds (5-0)
- IV. Election of School Board Officers – A McCarthy nominated S Crossman as Vice Chair/P Lazaro seconds (4-0-1) S Crossman nominated A McCarthy as Chair/M Crosier second (4-0-1)
- V. Board Chair - None
- VI. Personnel
 - A. Fall Coaches – Dan Ganoza updated the board with his fall coaches. Dan moved Robbie Brooker up to Varsity Boys Soccer Coach and Dan down to MS Soccer Coach along with Beverly Warren and Juanca Jimenez. The MS team consists of 5th-8th grade boys and girls from Vinalhaven and North Haven which will give them roughly 33 players. They will be having try outs for the MS kids with 1 team being the practice team and the other team will play and travel. Dan will remain the head person in communication for the coaches. Susan Philbrook and Jenn Guptill remain the Girls Varsity Soccer coaches. He also reported that there were 7 kids that will be receiving a lettermen’s jacket this year. In order to receive a jacket, they must play all three sports which is soccer, basketball and softball or baseball.
 - B. Educational Technicians – Corey Lazaro hired as an Ed Tech III
 - C. Professional/Teaching – A McCarthy motion to accept Erin Lyman as the new Guidance Counselor/M Crosier seconds (5-0)
- VII. Principal’s Report – No report
- VIII. Superintendent Report – Thanked the board, school employees, parents, students and community for welcoming the new administration and being so helpful with all the details over the summer. Katrina also wanted to thank the custodians, Peggy Warren, Dawn Swears and Derrick Stout for all of their patience with all of the projects, summer school and summer institute while trying to deep clean the school for the start of school. A huge shout out to Alan Koenig for all of his work organizing and working on all the projects that were happening at the same time. The kitchen renovations, generator, boilers. He had a contractor each week here on island doing some form of renovation, installing and some weeks more than 1 contractor. Another huge shout out to Bryan Feezor for stepping in and working extra over the summer to be sure all things were prepared for the students first day of school on September 3rd. It was a busy summer at school and to have new administration, Katrina was very happy how everyone jumped in and helped each other out when needed. Thank you!!

Bill Trevaskis is working hard and planning on getting drama back into the building.

Everyone is really missing the performances.

Pre-K planning on a split class this year having 16 kids. 8 will be going in the morning and 8 kids will be in the afternoon. A survey went out to the parents asking for their opinions – due date back 8/15 which will then be looked at and a decision made by the teacher and administration whether to split or keep as ½ day with all students attending.

- IX. Policy – Set Meeting Date for September – September 11, 2024 4-5:30
- X. Questions of Board Members - None
- XI. Old Business - None
- XII. New Business
 - A. Consideration of 2024-2025 Staff & Student Handbooks – the handbooks will remain working documents throughout the year with changes that may be needed.
 - B. Annual Opportunity for Public Comment: Title 1A Application – Discussion on how the titles work.
- XIII. Set Date for September 2024 Board Meeting – September 18, 2024
- XIV. Adjourn – 7:06 PM