

School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting

May 19, 2021

VIA ZOOM - Link Provided

6:00 PM Business Meeting/6:15 Regular Meeting

Board Members Present: Alexandra McCarthy, Rachel Noyes, Cait Clapham and Sue Dempster

Penny Lazaro - absent

Administration Present: Rick Lyons, Superintendent, Monte Selby, Principal, Bryan Feezor, Assistant Principal and Tina Davidson, Business Manager

- I. Call of the Roll – A. McCarthy 6:15

- II. Approval of minutes on the April 21, 2021 meeting – **Motion C. Clapham/R. Noyes Second to approve (3-0) 1 abstain**

Approval of minutes on the Special Board meeting of April 26, 2021 – **Motion R. Noyes/C.Clapham second to approve (4-0)**
Approval of minutes on the Special Board meeting of May 6, 2021 – **Motion A. McCarthy/second R. Noyes to approve – (4-0)**

- III. Adjustment to Agenda

- IV. Persons desiring to address the Board – A question was asked about when woodchips would be arriving for the playground.

Move class trip to A. under New Business.

- V. Board Chair

- VI. Personnel
 - A. Resignations – None
 - B. Nominations - Transfers

- VII. Principals Report – **Music** – Saturday, May 22 all students will gather outside on the baseball field to perform in their spring music festival. All are invited to attend. Rain date will be May 23 or Memorial weekend. **Testing** – This month students will take assessments in science, plus reading and math through the familiar NWEA testing. Robb Warren has guided the staff through the new science format, while Les and Theresa Penick visited classrooms to help students set goals and prepare. The new science test will not show data to the teachers the first year, only the state. **Teaching** – Teachers have received training on the Whole Book Approach, Visual Teaching, Strategies and Metacognitions strategies for PK – 12 instruction. The ISLE committee is preparing for another workshop at the end of May with the

teachers. **Sports** – Varsity softball and baseball have been practicing, traveling and competing during the month of May. Both teams are expected to compete in the playoffs in June. The girls are currently in 1st place. **PECHA KUCHA** – High school students are preparing their Pecha Kucha project to meet one of the Vinalhaven graduation requirements. They will be giving presentations later in May. **Portrait** – Staff members attended a one hour informative session to review research shared by Yvonne and Val. **Search** – Thanks to School Board Chair, Ali McCarthy for leading the superintendent search committee and to all staff and school board who offered their time in finding a great person for our school. **Hurricane Island** – Middle School students along with Emily Cohn and Bev Warren went out to Hurricane for a one day field trip. **Skippers** – Thank you to Frank Thompson for allowing Dan Ganoza and the Skippers class to design, build and conduct research in his work shop. **Graduation** – In May, students responded to our planned fire drill where the seniors were met by the Fire Department and Bryan Feezor and his megaphone to congratulate them and announce class rank. Kris Osgood shared a new Viking design that is going on stickers. Family members were also invited to see their senior and take photos. Graduation events are under way at this time. **Yearbook** – The Yearbook this year was a cooperative effort of the entire Vinalhaven Staff. Bill, Bianca and Kris have designed the pages and put together photos and highlights of the year. A special thanks to the Widow Island Fund for supporting our yearbook efforts with a very helpful grant!!

VIII. Superintendent of Schools Report

- A. Financial report – 91% through year and budget looks good
- B. June 1, 2021 Public Hearing – notify board that the Public Hearing will be held on June 1, 2021 via Zoom at 6:00 pm.
- C. June 8, 2021 Referendum Validation – notify board that the referendum validation will be on June 8, 2021

IX. Questions of Board Members

X. Policy Consideration

- A. Discuss and act on first reading – Professional Staff Hiring - GCF(Exhibit) **A. McCarthy motion to approve/R. Noyes second (4-0)**
- B. Discuss and act on second reading and adoption – Graduation Requirements - IKF(Exhibit) **R. Noyes to approve/A. McCarthy second to adopt Policy IKF (4-0)**

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

- A. Senior Class Trip – Seniors are planning on going to Boston in June for a long weekend. Three seniors will travel with Bill Trevaskis. **All were in favor (4-0)**

B. Nomination: Superintendent of Schools – Valerie McKenney, part time Superintendent/part time Special Ed Director. **A. McCarthy motion/R. Noyes second to approve (4-0)**

C. Fuel Oil Bids – Vinal Energy came in with lowest bid, \$2.49 a gallon.

D. Action: to act on the Superintendent’s recommendation to move probationary 1 teachers to probationary 2

James LePage, HS History – **A. McCarthy motion/R Noyes second to approve (4-0)**

Ryan Jones, PE – **R. Noyes motion/A McCarthy second to approve (4-0)**

Dave McKechnie, HS Math – **A. McCarthy motion/R. Noyes second to approve (4-0)**

Dan Ganoza, HS Science – **A. McCarthy motion/C. Clapham second to approve (4-0)**

E. Action: to act on the Superintendent’s recommendation to move probationary 2 teacher to probationary 3

Brooke LeBel, Kindergarten – **A. McCarthy motion/C. Clapham second to approve (4-0)**

Kris Osgood, HS English – **S. Dempster motion/C. Clapham second to approve (4-0)**

Jennifer Feezor, Social Worker – **C. Clapham motion/R. Noyes second to approve (4-0)**

F. Action: to act on the Superintendent’s recommendation to move probationary 3 to continuing contract.

Stormy Dyer, MS Math – **R. Noyes motion/A. McCarthy second to approve (4-0)**

G. Approve 2021-2022 School Calendar – **All in favor (4-0)**

XIII. Set date for June 2021 regular meeting – June 16, 2021

XIV. Adjourn – 7:01

Rick Lyons, Superintendent
