

School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting
Tuesday June 18, 2024
5:15 pm Business Meeting / 5:30 Regular Meeting
Location: VH Middle School

Board present - Alexandra McCarthy, Board Chair, Sarah Crossman, Sue Dempster, Matt Crosier and Penny Lazaro

Admin present – Monte Selby, Superintendent/Principal, Bryan Feezor, Assistant Principal and Tina Davidson, Business Manager

I. Call of the Roll – 5:31 pm

II. Approval of minutes – May 15, 2024 minutes and May 8 District Budget Meeting Minutes – A McCarthy motion to approve May 15, 2024 minutes/S Dempster seconds (2-3abstain-0) 2/3 majority vote rule P Lazaro motion to approve May 8th minutes/S Dempster seconds (3-1 abstain-0)

III. Persons desiring to address the Board - none

IV. Approval of the June 18, 2024 agenda – A McCarthy motion to approve/S Crossman seconds (5-0)

V. Board Chair – Welcome to new board member, Matt Crosier

VI. Personnel – New Hire/Resignation

A McCarthy motion to accept Sarah Lazaro, Special Education Teacher, resignation/S Dempster seconds (5-0)
S Dempster motion to approve Tara McKechnie as the 24-25 RSU 8 Principal/S Crossman seconds (5-0)

VII. Principal’s Report – Reported out on the reading challenge that Robert Brooker held over the spring with a \$1,000 monetary prize to the students who read the most. Over 500,000 words were read. Bryan also reported on the evacuation drill that was held in May with the help of the fire chief and EMS.

VIII. Superintendent Report –
2 Stars and a Wish

- a. Literacy – reading challenge, DEAR great strides have been made over the last year with literacy results.
- b. Attendance – 55% down to 23% for chronic absenteeism. That has also been a lot of work with staff to get kids to school daily.
- c. Engagement – new parent/teacher format, Pecha Kucha is back again

Monte’s goal for the school board:

School board goals – Professional Development, terms of engagement – level of board engagement and his wish for the board is that they try to make sure to be present at all or most board meetings. He thanked the board for all of their support over the 4 years served at Vinalhaven School.

IX. Policy –

- A. JJE Student Fundraising Activities 2nd read – S Dempster motion to approve and adopt/P Lazaro seconds (4-0-1)
- B. JJH (IJOA MSMA we are recoding to read JJH) Field Trips and Other Student Travel 2nd read A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt/S Crossman seconds (4-0-1)
- C. JKAA Use of Physical Restraint & Seclusion 2nd read S Dempster motion to approve and adopt/A McCarthy seconds (4-0-1)
- D. JKAA-R Procedures of Physical Restraint & Seclusion 2nd read A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt/S Dempster seconds (4-0-1)
- E. JK Student Discipline 2nd read A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt/P Lazaro seconds (4-0-1)
- F. JKD Suspensions of Students 2nd read A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt/S Crossman seconds (4-0-1)
- G. JKE-R Expulsion of Students-Guidelines 2nd read S Dempster motion to approve and adopt/A McCarthy seconds (4-0-1)
- H. KHC Distribution of Non-School Materials 2nd read A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt/P Lazaro seconds (4-0-1)
Alexandra McCarthy has postponed policy meetings until school resumes in September.

- X. Questions of Board Members - none

- XI. Old Business - none

- XII. New Business -none

- XIII. Set date for July 2024 board meeting – Wednesday, July 17th, 2024

- XIV. Adjourn – 6:24 pm