

MSAD #8 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 21, 2020

VIA ZOOM

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

Board Members Present: Renee Jones, Rachel Noyes, and Alexandra McCarthy

Absent: Cait Clapham and Kerry McKee

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

- I. Call to order by Chair Renee Jones at 6:15
- II. Action on minutes: See adjustment to agenda
- III. Adjustment to Agenda: Move September 16, 2020 minutes
- IV. Persons desiring to address the board – No comments from the public
- V. Board Chair – No comments
- VI. Personnel
  - a. Resignations – **None**
  - b. Nominations – **None**
- VII. Principals Report
  - A. Reported on how well the staff and students were doing with mask wearing, washing hands, social distancing, and taking the appropriate mask breaks when needed. The staff has been working hard staying positive and being creative in ways to keep the kids engaged, focused and enjoying their time back in school. They have had an ice cream festival with staff members serving kids ice cream cups which was enjoyed by all. Lots of smiling faces!! There have been some fun and fancy masks being worn by both staff and students. The middle school students have been learning all about the sea level rise. They also made bubble wands with the 3D printers. Bryan has started an employee of the month. He recognized the kitchen staff and how well they have adjusted to all of the COVID related regulations. Monte also commented on how well the parent pick up after school has been going. It seems to be running smoothly and would like to thank the parents for being patient with the process of drop off and pick up. A slide show was presented to the board of the daily routine and some of the cool things kids and staff have been working on.
  - B. Soccer season was a bit different this year. The teams were not able to play competitively with other schools this fall due to COVID. The administration felt it best to keep the kids on island but still try to practice each day. On Thursdays, there was a scrimmage against the staff. It was a great way for the staff and

students to have some fun outside of the classroom. It tended to get very competitive as both sides really wanted to come out on top! After the regular scheduled season ended, there was a rose ceremony for the seniors and their parents along with photos.

- C. A remote learning day dress rehearsal is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>. It will give the staff and students an opportunity to learn how to log into Zoom and Edgeunity. Edgeunity is our on-line learning platform for K-12 students working remotely and also offers credit recovery to any student who did not complete a class needed last spring during remote learning. We were able to purchase the program and our remote learning team, Les and Theresa Penick through our CRF 1 funds.
  - D. We applied for CRF 2 funds and were notified on October 19<sup>th</sup> that our budget had been approved. We are taking this opportunity to purchase Promethean Boards which will allow the teachers to fully engage the students in the classroom while keeping the social distancing and allow opportunities if we should go into full remote learning. We are also going to purchase 2 mini vans. This will provide a more improved way for us to deliver books, homework, meals, technology, or classroom supplies to families without using personal vehicles. This will also allow us to transport 1 or 2 students without having to use the school bus and not use personal vehicles which is what has happened in the past. The vans can then be cleaned by school personnel to keep in the CDC and DOE recommendations during COVID.
  - E. Student Leadership – Anastacia Simpson will help run the teacher trainings for the Promethean Boards that will be going up in teacher classrooms.
- VIII. Superintendent of Schools – Rick Lyons handed out an article about Five Characteristics of an Effective School Board: A Multifaceted Role, Defined. He asked them where they may see themselves in the five characteristics. Rick commented on the role of the board is not to manage but to see it well managed.
- IX. Questions of Board Members  
The board is asking when they need to begin their search for a superintendent as Rick Lyons is an interim superintendent which the response is as soon as possible.
- X. Policy Consideration  
Discuss and Act - First reading of Public Participation in Board Meetings – BEDH. (Exhibit)  
**Motion R Jones/R Noyes second to approve first read - policy BEDH (3-0)**  
Discuss and Act - First reading of Policy Adoption – BGB (Exhibit)  
**Motion R Noyes/R Jones second to approve first read – policy BGB (3-0)**  
Discuss and Act - First reading of Policy Revision and Review – BGC (Exhibit)  
**Motion R Jones/R Noyes second to approve first read – policy BGC (3-0)**  
Discuss and Act - First reading of Suspension/Repeal of Policy – BGF (Exhibit)  
**Motion R Jones/R Noyes second to approve first read – policy BGF (3-0)**

- A. Discuss and Act – Second reading of Policy Expense Authorization/Reimbursement – DKC (Exhibit)  
**Motion A McCarthy/R Noyes second to adopt - policy DKC (3-0)**
  - B. Discuss and Act – Second reading of Policy School Properties Disposal – DN (Exhibit)  
**Motion R Noyes/R Jones second to adopt policy DN (3-0)**
  - C. Discuss Policy Senior Trip Guidelines and Procedures – JJH-R-VH (Exhibit)  
Due to COVID the seniors requested additional time to make plans for their spring trip. The board is allowing them time for planning.
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- XI. Old Business - None
  - XII. New Business
    - A. Discuss and Act on Teacher Leave Request – Exhibit  
**Motion R Jones/A McCarthy to allow Kayla Hunsingers maternity leave. She plans to return in February 2021. (3-0)**
  - XIII. Set date for November regular meeting: November 18, 2020
  - XIV. Executive Session- None
  - XV. Adjourn: 7:06 PM