

MSAD #8 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

November 18, 2020

VIA ZOOM

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

Board Members Present: Renee Jones and Alexandra McCarthy

Present via Zoom: Rachel Noyes, 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 of October 21, 2020 Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
**Motion A McCarthy/R Jones second (vote passed 5-0)**
- III. Persons desiring to address the board – No comments from public
- IV. Board Chair – Would like to start a superintendent search as Rick Lyons is serving as our interim superintendent.
- V. Personnel
  - a. Resignations – Susie Pitts, Librarian – Thank you for all she has done in the library over the last few years and wishing her well in her next endeavor.
  - b. Nominations – **None**
- VI. Principals Report
  - A. Updated the board on the Journalism class. They were out interviewing folks in the school getting ready to produce a school paper.
  - B. Discussed with the board the plans to start working with the Middle School. Monte and Bryan want to start meeting on a regular basis with the middle school teachers and coming up with strategies on how to keep the kids focused, meeting the students needs, the importance in passing classes, homework goals, grades and keeping the students accountable. A letter will be going home to parents with some of these new goals.
  - C. Monte reported that we received a second grant, CRF 2 and how we plan to spend that. Some of the purchases that were made were 2 mini vans that will give the district the ability to deliver food, supplies during remote learning. 21 Promethean boards were ordered along with 3 carts. The carts will give a teacher/staff member the ability to transport a board to an area where one was not hooked up. Thank you to Randy Pitts for the installation of the Promethean boards. Monte was able to do a demonstration on 1 of the boards. New laptops were ordered that will impact both students and staff as well as new Ipad Pros that will allow

digital application for art and music. Doors were replaced in several areas of the building that are being used more now that we have to social distance. This will allow each wing to move freely and not clog up the main entrance.

D. Our remote learning team, Les and Theresa Penick are working with the elementary students with a project, Animals off the Bridge. After they complete 5 activities, they can choose a sea creature out of a chest and then drop into a large net out over the bridge.

VII. Superintendent of Schools – Rick Lyons

Reported on the monthly financial statement. Spending is exactly where we should be.

VIII. Questions of Board Members

Alexandra McCarthy asked about policy BEDH and how that should read now that we are having to Zoom the monthly school board meetings.

IX. Policy Consideration

Discuss and act on second reading and adoption of - Public Participation in Board Meetings – BEDH – **Tabled**

Discuss and act on second reading and adoption of - Policy Adoption – BGB

**Motion R Jones/A McCarthy second to adopt policy - BGB (5-0)**

Discuss and act on second reading and adoption of – Policy Revision and Review – BGC

**Motion R Jones/A McCarthy second to adopt policy - BGC (5-0)**

Discuss and act on second reading and adoption – Suspension/Repeal of Policy – BGF

**Motion A McCarthy/R Jones second to adopt policy – BGF (5-0)**

X. Old Business - None

XI. New Business

A. Jenn Feezor – Social Emotional Health Jenn talked about building a relationship with students to supplement the social emotional curriculum and would like to create a community resource for families in need to be able to reach out for help.

B. Yvonne Thomas – Portrait of a Graduate - Our school and community are working together on a project called Portrait of a Graduate. This is a process in which the school and the community are working together to define the skills and knowledge that Vinalhaven School graduates need to know in order to be able to reach their goals as adults. The input from current high school students is essential. There will be opportunities for recent graduates and community members to participate in the process.

This project was made possible and funded by the Barr Foundation. The Maine Department of Education and the University of Maine System is also partnering as well.

- XII. Set date for December regular meeting: December 16, 2020
- XIII. Executive Session- Personnel matter – Per 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A)  
**At 7:17, Motion R Jones/A McCarthy second (4-0)**
- XIV. Adjourn: 7:47 PM