

VINALHAVEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 16, 2019

MS Science Room

Warrant Signing: 6:00 PM

Business Meeting 6:30 PM

Board Members Present: Renee Jones, Rachel Noyes, Alexandra McCarthy, Caitlin Claphan, Laura Lazaro

Members of Administration Team Present: Superintendent/Principal Tonya Arnold, Assistant Principal/Lead HS Teacher Bryan Feezor, Assistant Principal/Lead Elementary Teacher Blake Reidy

Member of the Public and Staff Present: Alison Thibeault, Samantha Thompson, Danielle Poole, Kris Osgood, Mae Applegate

1. Call to order by Chair Renee Jones 6:30

2. Action on minutes of September 18, 2019 Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Motion L Lazaro/second A McCarthy to approve (Vote passed 4-0-1)

3. Adjustments to and Approval of the Agenda

Added Facilities Use Policy item at public member request ahead of meeting

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Alison asked about when to speak for Facilities Use Policy and suggested charging fees that are the same for profit and non-profit entities.

Samantha spoke a bit about the recreation center committee's work.

Samantha mentioned that more work could be done with the Code of Conduct to help it be more applicable and understandable for early elementary students.

5. Student Leadership Report

Joe Hopkins, Tim Farrelly, and Jack Day presented a slide show about the HS Sailing trip funded by the WIF

6. School Leaders Report

Busy month. HS and MS soccer seasons about to come to a close.

Prelim games may be in store for MS and HS Boys teams

Summary of Island Institute conference was shared. (Deemed one of the best)

Local resources explored, businesses, CTE center tours, museums and Trekkers

Social emotional curriculum, nonviolent communication, Department of Ed

Commissioner spoke and was inspirational. There were self-care workshops from 4:00-5:30 to help educators take better care of themselves.

PreK had fire safety training, K-5 will have this on Friday 10/18

Play auditions and rehearsals underway

Open house was well attended and the most funds ever were raised through book fair

The Skippers class was out at Hurricane setting lines for aquaculture project
Tanglewood hikes and plot studies by land trust are in the works for K-5 this month
HS helped 8th grade Katahdin trip by providing student leaders.
HS students attended Haystack, a art intensive camp on Deer Isle

7. New Business

Action item: ~Approval of appointments for stipend staff

Josh Miller \$2500– Boys Varsity Basketball
Bobby Beckman \$1450– Boys Varsity Assist Basketball
Sandy Nelson \$2600– Girls Varsity Basketball
Sam Bickford \$1550– Girls Varsity Assist Basketball

Motion L Lazaro/second A McCarthy to approve (Vote passed 5-0-0)

Discussion item: Code of Conduct JIC-VH. Continue to follow it as is, and collect feedback to share with the Board for future consideration. Board will review the policy in comparison to updated sample MSMA policies and the feedback collected to date.

Action item: ~Set date for next meeting (Wed November 20 agreed upon)

8. Old Business

Action item: Second read of policy JLFA Child Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response

Motion L Lazaro/second A McCarthy to adopt (Vote passed 4-0-1)

9. Superintendent Report

Overview of work for the past month and challenges due to the number of audits this year and reporting required this month was provided, an appreciation for the positive interactions and demonstration of kind, caring, helpful, and respectful behavior demonstrated by HS students on the sailing trip was shared. Bus inspection is occurring this month, and a list of repairs needed was found. We will be determining if we will be able to have the bus on the road, cost of repairs, and explore process for replacement bus for the Board to possibly consider in the near future. We are taking applications for part-time driver, but final hiring will depend on the condition of the bus. The sale of the skiff approved at the last meeting has been completed and the \$2,700 has been received. We plan to put the funds toward repairs for the gigs which have been returned to us from Hurricane. Collaboration with North Haven that had begun has temporarily been interrupted due to their recent admin changes, but we will work on creating new partnerships as soon as we can.

10. Added review of Facilities Use Policy KF to the agenda. Board compared MSMA sample KF, existing Vinalhaven KF and updated building use request forms, and existing auditorium use forms. Board also listened to ideas from the public. A fee of ___% for use for profit making entities was discussed, and the auditorium fees scheduled reviewed, and fee changes may be considered next month.

Vote to remove section entitled “Non-approved uses” and add the following sentence – “For profit entities who provide educational, recreational, cultural, or fraternal opportunities having a significant number of participants who are community residents may be considered for approval.” as first read for amendment to policy KF.

Motion R Jones/second L Lazaro to adopt (Vote passed 4-0-0)

Vote to approve the use of the building for Girl Time Yoga beginning 10/28/19 since the Board is in the process of implementing policy change that would allow use by for-profits providing educational opportunities to our students.

Motion R Jones/second C Clapham to adopt (Vote passed 4-0-0)

11. Executive Session as needed (1 MRSA, Sec 405(6)(A))

Entered at 8:05 pm out of Executive at 8:31

12. Adjournment 8:32 pm