

MSAD #8 School Board Regular Monthly Meeting September 18, 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

Absent: 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: Ann Osgood, Mae Applegate, Samantha Thompson, Mark Jackson

1. Call to order by Chair Renee Jones at 6:30 pm
2. Action on minutes of August 21, 2019 Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Motion Caitlin Clapham/second A McCarthy to approve (Vote passed 3-0-1)
3. Adjustments to and Approval of the Agenda
Motion R. Jones/second R Noyes to approve (Vote passed 4-0-0)

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Discussion about how to provide information about compliments or concerns that are not on the agenda. Chair explained that honor this protocol is what we have been advised to do legally. Any topics that members of the public would like more information about or to express would go through the appropriate school level staff whether than be teacher, Assistant Principal, Director or Superintendent level. If a concern remains after that would be relevant to the roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Superintendent and Chair would determine when the item would be placed on the agenda.

5. Student Leadership Team Report (Corey Lazaro, Hannah Newton)

Recap work this year. First day kick off, staff intros, kids won the relay race for kids verses teachers, hopes for the year, and whole school activity about what makes a good friend and good learning environment.

Hope to accomplish this year is to have officers through elections, student of the month assemblies, and ask for board feedback about what they would like to hear about from them each year.

6. School Leaders Report (Blake Reidy and Bryan Feezor)

As follow up to the first day of school kick off shared by the student leaders, Blake shared the assimilated list of 22 needs that students identified for what makes a

good friend and a good learning environment. This will be shared back with students and staff, so students can help identify core shared values and 5 or fewer positively stated school-wide expectations.

Students, parents and staff had many good things to say about the experience that day in which students of all ages worked together to identify what was important to them in friends and to do their best learning.

7. New Business

Action item: Approval of appointments for stipend staff

- Replace Robb Warren as Mentor Teacher with Meagan Miller
- Mae Applegate as Mentor Teacher at \$250
- RJ Jones to assistant MS soccer coach at \$525
- Jennifer Feezor to split assistant soccer coach proportionately
(with assistant appointed last meeting)

Motion R Noyes /second A McCarthy to approve (Vote passed 4-0-0)

Action item: Disposition of Saint Ayles Skiff 22' built 2012 and custom trailer built in 2013 by Mark Jackson's classes. The boat requires substantial repair. The call for proposals was posted in the Wind through posting of the agenda in accordance with policy DN (a and c).

Only one proposal was received. Mark Jackson was present and explained the history, needs and fairness of the proposal received.

Policy DN was provided as reference for the Board.

Motion R Jones/second Rachel Noyes to approve acceptance of \$2700 proposed offer for purchase of the 22" skiff and custom trailer (Vote passed 4-0-0)

Action item: First read of new legally required policy JLFA
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response

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

Action item: Set date for next meeting (**Agreed as Wed October 16**)

8. Old Business

Discussion: Update on Playground

Balance was reviewed and full accounting shared showing a balance of \$3,049.57 which will be put toward a fence between the playground and the drop off/pick up loop. Members of the committee will share with the Superintendent the designs and quotes for fencing already collected, so the planning for next steps can be done as soon as possible. The fence and upgrades to the basketball court were not part of the project which is considered complete at this point.

There is a concern about dogs on the playground for sanitation and safety. Some pet owners are not keeping their dogs leashed. There have been issues with pet waste in the wood chips and on the fields, some students and parents have a fear of dogs, as well as interactions between a service dog and unleashed dog. Board discussed the options of policy implementation to ban dogs from the property, but settled on starting with signage and asking for community help to find a common sense middle ground. Posting signs

such as “No dogs on the playground”, “No dogs on the premises between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm,” and “Dogs visiting outside of school hours must be leashed. Please pick up after your pet” will be used as a first phase to help bring awareness and prompt people to work together to address kindly any issues.

Action item: Second reading of Policy GCF Hiring of Professional Staff
Motion R Noyes /second A McCarthy to approve (Vote passed 4-0-0)

9. Superintendent Report

Staff and students have been embracing work on building trust and relationships, as we learn we are also looking at ways of including students in that work as well.

I’ve been spending time fostering relationships with stakeholders and entities with whom we can collaborate to further enhance our work for students and the community.

New issues with boiler shutting down is due to distance between tanks and boiler. We will be replacing a pump as a short term fix and working with specialists on evaluating the system design to determine the best long term fix.

The number of audits we are working through this year of previous year documentation of food service, special services and ESEA compliance efforts are very time consuming. Following the desk audit which means we provide them with answers to a long series of questions and copies of documents, we will be notified whether DOE staff will be visiting in March to follow up further. Most of these audits are on routine cycles of about 5 years, and it is unfortunate that they are all coming due at once for us.

10. Executive Session as needed (MRSA Chapter 13, Sec 405, Subchapter 1)

11. Other

12. Adjournment 7:18 pm