

School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting
Wednesday March 20, 2024
5:15 pm Business Meeting / 5:30 Regular Meeting
Location: VH Middle School

Present: Alexandra McCarthy Board Chair, Sarah Crossman, Vice Chair, Penny Lazaro, Rachel Noyes

Absent: Sue Dempster

Administration: Monte Selby, Superintendent Bryan Feezor, Assistant Principal Absent Tina Davidson Business Manager

- I. Call of the Roll – 5:30 pm
- II. Approval of minutes – March 6, 2024 minutes – R Noyes motion to approve/A McCarthy seconds (3-0-1)
- III. Persons desiring to address the Board – No comments
- IV. Approval of the March 20, 2024 agenda –
Additions to agenda:
XIII. Executive Session Personnel matter 1 M.R.S.A section 405
A McCarthy motion to accept agenda after changes/R Noyes seconds (4-0)
- V. Board Chair – No comments
- VI. Personnel – A McCarthy motion to accept MaryAnn Hopkins resignation/P Lazaro seconds (4-0) Comments of appreciation from school board members.
- VII. Principal’s Report –
 - a. 24-25 School Calendar -2nd Read
Bryan shared an update regarding feedback from teachers and ideas regarding the calendar. After school board discussions and clarifications, A McCarthy motion to accept the 24-25 School Calendar/R Noyes seconds (4-0)
 - b. Teacher Presentations – Susan Philbrook, French teacher and Heather White, art teacher shared with the board. Susan had school board members engage in a “fly swatter” competition to learn French words. Heather brought iPads for each board member to practice photo editing with SnapSeed. Lots of fun and school board members shared many positive comments regarding both staff members.
- VIII. Superintendent Report –
 - a. Lion Electric – Bus update - Monte shared with the board the lack of communication with Lion Electric but does have another call scheduled.
 - b. Monte shared with the board that Bill Trevaskis, music teacher and Heather White, art teacher have been working toward their National Board Certification.
 - c. There was a discussion regarding a proposal with North Haven for next year to encourage and support collaborative efforts to increase options for students to participate together from both schools.

- d. A discussion was had regarding make-up days at the end of the school year for snow days. A McCarthy made a motion to give the board chair the option to sign a request to the DOE that Vinalhaven be granted a waiver from making up the school day missed due to the Lewiston Tragedy in October 2023/R Noyes seconds (4-0) Monte will prepare the letter, have Ali sign it and then submit it to the DOE.

IX. Questions of Board Members – No questions

X. Old Business – None

XI. New Business – None

XII. Executive session - Personnel matter 1 M.R.S.A section 405 – A McCarthy motion to enter into executive session/P Lazaro seconds (4-0)

7:35 A McCarthy motion to leave executive session/P Lazaro seconds (4-0)

XII. Set date for April 2024 board meeting

- a. March 29, 2024 A McCarthy motion to hold a special meeting to discuss the administrative structure for the 24-25 school year/R Noyes seconds (4-0)
- b. April 24, 2024 school board meeting

XIII. Adjourn – 7:41 pm