

School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting

April 13, 2022

5:15 PM Business Meeting/5:30 Regular Meeting

Board Members Present: Rachel Noyes, Sue Dempster

Board Members Zoom: Alexandra McCarty, Penny Lazaro and Cait Clapham

Admin Present: Valerie McKenney, Superintendent Monte Selby Principal, Bryan Feezor Assist Principal and Tina Davidson, Business Manager

I. Call of the Roll – 5:30

II. Approval of minutes of the March 16, 2022 meeting – Motion to approve R Noyes/S Dempster seconds (5-0). Approval of March 23, 2022 Budget Workshop meeting (Tabled). Approval of March 28, 2022 Special Meeting Motion to approve A McCarthy/P Lazaro seconds (5-0). Approval of April 11, 2022 Budget Workshop Motion to approve R Noyes/S Dempster seconds (4-0-1).

IV. Persons desiring to address the Board – A parent letter was sent to the board wanting the board to address the grading policy. Valerie McKenney appreciated the letter but said the administration would need time to explore the grading policy.

V. Board Chair – Reported that board chair granted the authority for the upcoming school year to accept the signed contract from Monte Selby to be 40% superintendent and 40% principal for the 2022-2023 school year.

VI. Personnel – Caity Quinn Parsons resignation – Motion to accept A McCarthy/R Noyes seconds (5-0) Best wishes were given.

VII. Principal's Report

A. District Calendar for 22-23, First read – all looked good, second read during the May 18th board meeting.

Science Fair – Middle School and teachers did a fantastic job. There were 12 judges from the Island Institute, Bowdoin College to Vinalhaven residents. The students were so proud of their work.

New York City Field Trip – Heather White and Bill Trevaskis will be taking kids to New York City at the end of May. They will visit, while there, the Guggenheim, the Met Opera along with a few other sightseeing excursions. They will travel on a bus and then a train to New York. They will be gone for 4 days total. Motion made to approve a trip to NYC R Noyes/S Dempster seconds (4-0-1)

Fire Drill and Senior recognition – April 11th started the day with an all school fire drill. Once on the field, the fire department was there with the trucks as well as the parents and family members as they announced the seniors and their class rank. It is becoming a senior tradition that the whole school seems to really enjoy.

Days ahead – Monte and Bryan gave a schedule of what the last few months of school would be looking like. There are field trips, hikes speakers, sports, concerts, testing, and graduation with all the events that run with that. They also celebrated student of the month, National Ed Tech Day and the staff and students are still participating in Drop Everything and Read. The school is also looking forward to welcoming a math enrichment teacher and an Island Institute Fellow is supposed to be with us next year working with parts of our technology. It looks to be a busy few months for the staff and students.

VIII. Scheduling for VHS 22-23 (Monte and Bryan) – A discussion was had about the scheduling for the 22-23 school year. They are planning on doing a block schedule which will allow high school students to attend Mid Coast School of Technology in the fall. MS and elementary school will not be a part of the block schedule.

VIII. Superintendent of Schools Report

A. Facility Update: Generator (AI) – AI is still working with companies in trying to purchase a new generator for the school.

B. Teacher Negotiations Update – the negotiating team is still working hard on the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Hoping to be done soon.

C. Budget – the board approved the 22-23 budget. R Noyes made a motion to accept the 22-23 budget/S Dempster seconds (3-0) 2 absent

IX. Questions of Board Members - none

X. Policy Consideration (none)

XI. Old Business -none

XII. New Business - none

XIII. Set date for May 2022 regular meeting – May 18th, 2022

XIV. Adjourn – 6:39