

School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting
Wednesday January 3rd, 2024
5:15 pm Business Meeting / 5:30 Regular Meeting
Location: VH Middle School

Board Members present: Alexandra McCarthy, Board Chair, Sarah Crossman, Vice Chair, Rachel Noyes, Sue Dempster
Penny Lazaro – absent

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

- I. Call of the Roll - 5:30
- II. Approval of minutes – November 29, 2023 – Motion
A McCarthy motion to accept November 29, 2023 minutes/R Noyes seconds (3-0-1)
- III. Persons desiring to address the Board - none
- IV. Approval of the December, 2023 Agenda – A McCarthy motion to change “approval of the minutes” to January 3, 2024 and to add policies GCSA and GCSA R both second reads/S Dempster seconds (4-0)
- V. Board Chair - none
- VI. Personnel – none
- VII. Principal’s Report
 - a. Alice Bissell – PIE update – Alice Bissell and Annie Debow spoke to the board about what PIE has been doing this year.
 - PIE has been a large part of the lighting upgrade in the auditorium, donating roughly \$125,000. Installation is scheduled to begin on January 12th with Tony, Bill and Al. PIE will also sponsor a resident, Antonio Rocha who will be here on January 29-February 2 with a free performance on the 2nd for the public.
 - Also wanted to let the board know that Annie is working with Alice to take over as the Program Coordinator as Alice will soon step down and retire and that the Land Trust has also been collaborating with PIE and all of the school enrichment programs which is exciting as the two organizations have not collaborated together in this way before.
 - b. CHAT GPT Workshop – Monte and Bryan did a demonstration for the board on how CHAT GPT works, how the teachers are learning how to use this sight and teaching the students how to work around CHAT GPS.
 - c. Students attending sporting events- A reminder to all that when a sporting event is taken place during the school day, all students must stay in class unless a parent excuses them and stays with them the entire event.
 - d. One Acts – North Haven theater has invited Vinalhaven students to participate in the One Acts this spring. The MPA requires a school board vote for our students to be able to participate. A McCarthy motion to participate in the Maine Drama Festival sanctioned by the MPA/R Noyes seconds (4-0)
- VIII. Superintendent Report –

- a. Budget priorities – Started talk about what the board would like to see stay and what their thoughts are on cutting within the 24-25 budget.
- b. 2024-2025 Calendar Questions – Discussion with the board about the 24-25 calendar. Topics were around the Christmas break and March break. The discussion will be back on the next board agenda.
- c. ISLE Team update – The ISLE team is still working on keeping ways to promote high attendance with students. They will be presenting a newsletter within the next few weeks highlighting ISLE areas that they have been working on during the fall semester. They are also working on a project for the 99th day of school. ISLE is trying to get 99 adults to come in and read with students.

IX. Questions of Board Members – R Noyes asked if there was anything the board could do to help out the with the winter staff party that is taking place on January 20th at SKAL.

X. Policy Consideration

- A. Policy CBI Evaluation of Supt. - Second Read
A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt CBI/S Dempster seconds (4-0)
- B. Policy IJJ Instructional and Library Materials - Second Read
R Noyes motion to approve and adopt IJJ/S Dempster seconds (4-0)
- C. Policy IJNDB Laptop Home use procedures - Second Read
A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt IJNDB/R Noyes seconds (4-0)
- D. Policy JICK and JICK-R Bullying – Second Read
A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt JICK/S Dempster seconds (4-0)
R Noyes motion to approve and adopt JICK R/S Crossman seconds (4-0)
- E. Recode: IKA 1 (IKABA) and IKA 2 (IKABB) – Second Read
A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt IKABA/S Dempster seconds (4-0)
A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt IKABB/S Dempster seconds (4-0)
- F. Recode: JFABD and JFABD-R Admission of Homeless – Second Read
R Noyes motion to approve and adopt JFABD/A McCarthy seconds (4-0)
S Crossman motion to approve and adopt JFABD R/S Dempster seconds (4-0)
- G. Additions: IMGA - Service Animals in School - Second Read
A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt IMGA/R Noyes seconds (4-0)
- H. Policy GCSA – Employee Computer and Internet Use Second Read
A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt GCSA/S Dempster seconds (4-0)
- I. Policy GCSA – R – Employee Computer and Internet Use Rules
A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt GCSA-R/R Noyes seconds (4-0)

XI. Old Business -none

XII. New Business - none

XIII. Set date: February 7th Policy meeting and January 24th, 2024 Board Meeting

XIV. Adjourn 7:18