

School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting

August 25, 2021

VIA ZOOM - Link Provided

6:00 PM Business Meeting/6:15 Regular Meeting

Board Members present: Alexandra McCarthy, Rachel Boyden, Sue Dempster

Present via Zoom: Penny Lazaro and Cait Clapham

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

- I. Call to order by Chair A. McCarthy at 6:15
- II. Actions on minutes of July 21, 2021 and August 4, 2021 special meeting
 - R. Noyes motion to approve July 21, 2021/S Dempster second (5-0)
 - A. McCarthy motion to approve August 4, 2021 special meeting minutes/S. Dempster seconds (5-0)An adjustment to the May 6, 2021 minutes A McCarthy motion/S Dempster seconds (3-0)
- III. Adjustment to Agenda – Alan Koenig – Maintenance update
Alan reported on the hill over on the soccer field. Was collapsing, old septic system with old school. Darren Jones came and filled that in. Roof replacement took place with the kitchen roof and the backside roof (back by gym door). We have a 2-year plan to shingle remaining roof. All the exterior doors needed to be replaced. We are on the final phase of that project. The frames were all rotting out where the doors had never been put in properly from the beginning. There has been a discussion about keyless entry for the front door and just waiting on that work to be done as well. The Field of Music is also on its final phase and hopes that it will be complete for the first day of school.
- IV. Persons desiring to address the Board – No comments
- V. Board Chair – Nothing to report
- VI. Personnel
- VII. Principal's Report
 - A. Summer work – FirstClass was replaced with Gmail. The floors are being waxed as we meet, the staff has been enjoying a week of staff development and in that there was a day spent going over NWEA, the state assessment, helping teachers get a better understanding, learning to use Gmail, Zones of Regulation, PEPG jump start (the teacher evaluation system), promethean boards, tech foundation and a VTS expanded training on metacognition. The teachers took advantage of this week of learning and was paid out of a Tier III grant.
 - B. Return to School Plan – Monte had a great presentation of the pros and a few questions as to why we should wear our masks when coming back to school. After his presentation and discussion, it is clear that VH parents and teachers want school to be “in person”, are protective of kids/families/at-risk, and will support efforts to prevent an outbreak. **A. McCarthy made a motion to require masks for all students and staff until September 22 when the board is to meet again.**
 - C. Clapham seconds and board voted (5-0)
- VIII. Superintendent of Schools Report

The Facilities Director, Alan Koenig worked for hours to make manageable piles of woodchips on the school playgrounds. Once the piles were spread, community members volunteered their time to make the woodchips level. Thank you, Al and the volunteers in making this happen.

Daycare – Thanked the board for their support of the daycare.

Retreats – In the past month the Leadership Team as well as the Special Education Department, participated in professional development and planning for the 21-22 school year. The days were important in developing norms, defining roles/responsibilities and planning to ensure success in the upcoming year.

Portrait of a Graduate – The team will be getting a one-page flyer out that represents their collective aspirations for our students.

Valerie also reported on the next few weeks and upcoming events. She also wanted to thank Principal Selby for his efforts in preparing a week of professional development for our teachers, as well as leading the way for planning the first teacher week of the 21-22 school year!!

A. Financial report – exhibit showed that the budget is right where it should be at this time of the year.

IX. Questions of Board Members - None

X. Policy Consideration

A. Policy ACAA-R Second Read – **A McCarthy motion to approve/R Noyes second (5-0) to adopt policy ACAA-R**

B. Policy AD First Read - Tabled

C. Policy BED- First Read – **A McCarthy motion /S Dempster seconds (5-0) to approve**

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

A. Mid-Coast School of Technology Cooperative Agreement – **A McCarthy motion/S Dempster seconds (5-0) to approve the Mid Coast School of Technology Cooperative Agreement**

B. Student opening for the 21-22 school year – September 7, 2021 will be the first day of school and staff and students will prepare to wear masks. Thank you to the Island Closet in helping supply the school again this year with lots of school supplies.

XIII. Set date for September 2021 regular meeting: September 22, 2021

XIV. Adjourn 7:52