

School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting
July 21, 2021
VIA ZOOM - Link Provided
6:00 PM Business Meeting/6:15 Regular Meeting

Board Members Present – Alexandra McCarthy, Rachel Noyes, Sue Dempster
Board Members Present on Zoom – Penny Lazaro and Cait Clapham
Administration Present – Valerie McKenney, Superintendent Monte Selby, Principal Bryan Feezor,
Assistant Principal and Tina Davidson, Business Manager

- I. Call of the Roll – 6:15
- II. Approval of minutes on the June 30, 2021 meeting – **Motion R. Noyes/S. Dempster second to approve June 30, 2021 minute – (5-0) in favor**
- III. Adjustment to Agenda - None
- IV. Persons desiring to address the Board – None
- V. Board Chair - Board meetings will now allow in-person public attendance and will also be offering the Zoom link as well for those that would like to attend on Zoom.
- VI. Personnel
 - A. Resignations - None
 - B. Nominations – Caity Quinn Parsons – Theater Teacher
Motion to accept Caity Quinn Parsons as the new Theater Teacher
A.McCarthy motion/R. Noyes second-All in favor (5-0)
- VII. Principals Report
 - A. New Hires - Welcomed Taylor Leach as the new librarian and Emily Davis as our new School Counselor Consultant(Guidance Counselor)
 - B. Looking Back - Monte Selby thanked the board, teachers, ed techs, custodians, kitchen staff, parents and students for adapting to all the Covid requirements during the 2020-21 school year. It was a year with growth in creative problem solving where we all were able to adapt, cooperate, and maintain extraordinary flexibility. A question was asked about the upcoming year and recommendations and at this time there are none.
 - C. Looking Ahead - We will have more funding through the Corona Relief Funds. The focus will be more on instructional support, staff development, SEL needs and extra learning opportunities this time around. Application due dates are September 29, 2021.
 - D. The Hiring Process - June and July have been productive months in our search for new staff positions. We now have all instructional positions filled by quality candidates.

- E. Who Goes Where - Vinalhaven School is doing a better job of making sure secondary students think about course choices and implications for post-secondary decisions. Continued improvement with “guidance” is a priority so that students successfully move toward graduation and career needs.
- F. Portrait of a Graduate – After a full year of collecting, sharing, and processing information, the PoG leaders are moving toward an action plan and the “portrait”. This will be useful as a district strategic plan is created.
- G. Learning (August Training) – One indicator of learning is the NWEA test. This summer we will review student scores to identify needs and successes. There has been a designed summer institute (August 23-27) for staff who are available to gain new skills, collaborate, share ideas, and plan for student success. They will be paid through a grant and will not impact our budget.
- H. Fall 2021 – the new vaccination mandate was discussed and how this will impact students that may not have all of their required vaccinations.

VIII. Superintendent of Schools Report

- A. Valerie McKenney, Superintendent/Special Ed Director introduced herself and talked about her first week living on Vinalhaven. She talked of her plans of how she will spend her time on Vinalhaven working and when she will take time to go home to see her husband and family.
- B. Daycare Update – The permit to house the IVC(daycare) on the district property was approved. Drummond Woodsum will be providing the board an agreement in the next few weeks that they will look over. There will be a board meeting on August 4th to approve that agreement and allow the daycare to move forward with their plans.
- C. Have been meeting with all Vinalhaven Staff. Will put all the information together to help get started with the strategic plan.
- D. Bryan Feezor has been rewriting all handbooks this summer.
- E. Planning a ½ day on July 22, 2021 with the Special Ed Teachers as a workshop to get to know each other and discuss roles and responsibilities as well as set expectations for all staff.

IX. Questions of Board Members - None

X. Policy Consideration – Discuss and act on first read - **Policy ACAA-R – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students – Motion to accept A. McCarthy/P. Lazaro second – (5-0) in favor**

XI. Old Business - None

XII. New Business - None

XIII. Set date for August 2021 regular meeting – August 18th, 2021

- A. Board Meeting August 4th, 2021 to discuss next steps with agreement and Island Village Childcare. 6:00 PM.

XIV. Adjourn – 7:07 PM

Valerie McKenney, Superintendent _____

