

**School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting  
Wednesday April 24, 2024  
5:15 pm Business Meeting / 5:30 Regular Meeting  
Location: VH Middle School**

**Board present: Alexandra McCarthy, Board Chair Penny Lazaro, Sue Dempster and Rachel Noyes.**

**Sarah Crossman, Vice Chair arrived late – 5:37 pm**

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

- I. Call of the Roll – 5:30
- II. Approval of minutes – March 20, 2024 minutes – R Noyes motion to approve/P Lazaro seconds (3-0-1)  
Alexandra McCarthy also added meetings to this item for approval. March 29 Special Meeting – A McCarthy motion to approve the March 29<sup>th</sup> minutes/R Noyes seconds (4-0)  
April 10 budget meeting – A McCarthy motion to approve the April 10<sup>th</sup> minutes/S Dempster seconds (3-0-1)
- III. Persons desiring to address the Board – No Comments
- IV. Approval of the April 24, 2024 agenda – A McCarthy motion to approve the April 24<sup>th</sup> agenda/P Lazaro seconds (4-0)
- V. Board Chair – Ali McCarthy wanted to report that the search for a superintendent and principal has been started with hiring committees in place.
- VI. Personnel – Allie Heckerd resigned – A McCarthy motion to approve Allie Heckerd’s resignation/R Noyes seconds (5-0) (Sarah Crossman joined the meeting at this time 5:37)
- VII. Principal’s Report –
  - A. Safety - A discussion was had about running safety drills during the school year. Questions were asked as to how many drills are required, how many drills has the school done this year, what are the schools plans with trying to be sure that all staff and students know the procedures that take place in the case of an emergency? Administration talked a little about the procedures without going into great detail within the Crisis Plan that has been established at the Vinalhaven School, how well the students and staff have done during those drills and the meetings about the Crisis Plan with the staff on scheduled professional development days. The school has done 6 trainings so far this year with the help of EMS, the Vinalhaven Fire Dept. and has also met several times with the Knox County Sherriff that is on island and asking for input as well. There will be more trainings within the next few months of this school year and talk was also had about having this topic be discussed during the first two teacher work days before the start of the 24-25 school year. The Vinalhaven School takes safety as a very important topic and has assured the parents, staff, school board and community that working with all emergency agencies is a priority to assure the best safety plans are in place for the staff and students in the case of an emergency.

B. Special Ed update – Sonja de Boer, Director of Special Services spoke with the board about her department and all the work that has been happening within Special Ed. They are working with the state this year with their audit, continuously providing teachers and Ed Techs the training and knowledge to work with students within the Special Ed program. The program has grown over the years with 1/3 of the student body needing services identified.

- VIII. Superintendent Report –
- a. Waiver granted – The state waived the lost school day last October due to the Lewiston shooting. There will be no make-up needed.
  - b. Signing of the Warrant
- VOTE TO CALL AND APPROVE THE WARRANTS FOR THE BUDGET MEETING AND THE BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE NOTICE OF AMOUNT ADOPTED.

A McCarthy motion: I move that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Call and Approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting and the Budget Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted," be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting/S Dempster second (5-0)

IX. Questions of Board Members – Penny Lazaro asked about the hiring committees which Ali said would be discussed during their executive session.

X. Old Business - None

XI. New Business - None

XII. Set date for May 15, 2024 board meeting May 7 2024 Policy Meeting

XIII. Executive session - Personnel matter 1 M.R.S.A section 405 – A McCarthy motion to move into executive session at 7:19 pm/P Lazaro seconds (5-0) – no action taken

XIV. Adjourn – 7:46 pm