

School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting

September 21, 2022

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

Board Members: Alexandra McCarthy, Board Chair, Rachel Noyes and Sarah Crossman Penny Lazaro(Absent) and Sue Dempster (Absent)

Administration: Monte Selby, Superintendent/Principal and Tina Davidson, Business Manager Bryan Feezor, Assistant Principal (Absent)

- I. Call of the Roll – 5:35
- II. Revisions to Agenda – Add to New Business (D) Repair of generator
- III. Approval of minutes - R Noyes motion to approve August 17, 2022 minutes/A McCarthy seconds (3-0) A McCarthy motion to approve September 6, 2022 Special Meeting minutes R Noyes seconds (3-0)
- IV. Persons desiring to address the Board - None
- V. Board Chair – Proposed resolutions – information to ask Steve Bailey and a board delegate at the board training on October 12th, 2022. School Board Conference at the end of October. Ali, Rachel, Sue and Sarah will be attending in Augusta.
- VI. Facilities Update – **Roof repair** – GE Roofing will be working on middle school to back over life skills down over science lab and art room replacing with rubber roofing. **Front doors** have been installed but due to bad electronics, they were not able to connect to the internet panel which will allow keyless entry. Hoping they will be completing job in the next few weeks. Al finished up siding work on an outside wall. **Windows** – windows that will now open have been replaced in the conference room and the superintendent's office. **Painting** – we have had New Beginnings Painting Service out of Manchester NH painting over the past month. They have completed the cafeteria, pot buoy hallway both sides of the granite wall and down the hallways. They will be working on upstairs hallway and will be in over the school year painting out rooms. **Bus charger** – bus will be arriving on September 29th but we are still waiting for the electrician to install the charger. That will be done in the next few weeks. **Generator** – the new generator has been ordered and is expected in a little over a year and the transfer switch is expected in roughly 65 weeks. This new generator will run the entire school and will be placed in the back on a new cement pad rather than up by the cafeteria. The company will also be repairing the old generator enough to get us through until the new one can be installed. **Faucets** – still waiting on plumber to finish installing the faucets that had lead count. Did find out that outside faucets do not need replacing as long as it is posted that it is not a drinkable portage. **Bus driving** – pay for training? Need to reach out to other districts to see who offers CDL licensing with the bus driving certificate. See the schools Facebook page for updating.

VII. Personnel – Emily Cohn requesting a leave A McCarthy made a motion to approve Emily Cohn’s maternity leave beginning November 28th through the remainder of the school year and to return to a similar position in the fall of 2023/R Noyes seconds (3-0)

VIII. Superintendent of Schools Report – Monte Selby updated the board on the CDC report now that we are back in school. It recommends that if experiencing symptoms and test positive to stay home for 5 days or until negative test and then mask for 5 days. Updated them about the Summer Institute that VHS has offered for the second summer to staff member to work towards professional development. 35 participants and 315 hours of training and preparing which is all paid through a grant. He informed the board that after consulting with the school’s attorneys, we are not able to cancel the new electric school bus and it will be arriving at the end of September. We have 2 interviews and another reaching out to ask about how to go about training and getting certified to drive the school bus. An update on staff development in the upcoming month. Very excited to report that there will be several attending the 1st state middle school conference on October 7th. Monte also updated on what is coming up and he reported that on September 27th will be Open House, Island Readers and Writers are expected again this fall, sports is in full swing and Bryan will be attending a Safety Training. A discussion was also had about grading and the 75% failing grade as well as standards based. The board would like to see further research of other schools and will bring this back for future discussions.

IX. Principal’s Report – School is off to a great start. Chris Poulos and BMX stunt bike rider and motivational speaker came to VH to perform and talk with the students. Everyone was very much engaged. 8th Grade and a few members of the community and staff members traveled to Katahdin for their annual hike. Heather White took students to Haystack again this fall, 4th-5th graders are heading to Penobscot Marine Museum, middle school and high school soccer has been in full swing. Susan Philbrook is the HS Girls Varsity coach, Louis Reycroft is the HS Boys Varsity Coach and Dan Ganoza, Bev Warren and Frederick Emrich are coaching the middle school kids this fall. We have a lot of new staff that has been working hard getting to know the students and experiencing island life. Bobby Brown is our 3rd Grade teacher with Blake Beckman as his mentor. Katie Danielson is working in literacy and is also being mentored by Alison Pols our Special Ed Director. Alison is here until December and then Katie will be taking over that position. Louis Reycroft is working as our Math Specialist and working with individual students. Lynn Nenada is our social studies teacher with Kris Osgood as her mentor. Janica Barrows has returned as a special ed teacher. Frederick Emrich is working in the Discovery room as our special ed teacher for that department and Maryann Hopkins is his mentor. Monte brought up the issue of the seniors no longer raising money for class trips but do need money for graduation. Amanda Wentworth and Penny Lazaro are volunteering to help fund raise with this senior class and are looking to do the Community Calendar which everyone seemed to enjoy. A McCarthy made a motion to approve the senior class to fundraise by selling Community Calendars to help pay for the costs of graduation/S Crossman seconds (3-0)

X. Questions of Board Members - none

XI. Policy Consideration

A. Policy Supervision and Evaluation of Professional Staff- Second Read A McCarthy made a motion to table policy Supervision and Evaluation of Professional Staff/S Crossman seconds (3-0)

B. Policy EEAEA Student Transportation Employee Requirements Training and Responsibilities A McCarthy made a motion to approve 1st read of policy EEAEA Student Transportation Employee Requirements Training and Responsibilities/R Noyes seconds (3-0)

XII. Old Business

A. MSMA board training on October 12th @ 12:00 pm – An agenda will be put out 5 days before this training. It is a board workshop where the public is invited with no public discussion.

B. Policy Committee – Kayla Hunsinger and Dave McKechnie are interested in serving on this committee as representatives of the collective bargaining agreement. Monte Selby, Bryan Feezor and Tina Davidson will also be on this committee as well as two board members. October 7th is the expected date that we should be receiving our updated policies.

XIII. New Business

A. Approval - Additional painting – A McCarthy made a motion to approve spending up to \$20,000 to continue painting inside of the school/R Noyes seconds (3-0)

B. Approval - Capital Reserve expenses:

Charging station – A McCarthy made a motion to approve paying for the charging station/S Crossman seconds (3-0)

Paint – A McCarthy made a motion to approve to pay for New Beginnings to paint downstairs hallways, cafeteria/S Crossman seconds (3-0)

Generators of Maine (down payment) A McCarthy made a motion to approve a \$10,000 down payment towards a new generator/S Crossman seconds (3-0)

Portland Glass (Remainder of window installation) A McCarthy made a motion to approve payment to finish the door project/R Noyes seconds (3-0)

C. Consideration of lease purchase financing of a new electric school bus in principal amount of \$239,166.00. A McCarthy motion made “I move that the Resolution entitled, “Resolution to Authorize Lease Purchase of an Electric School bus in the Principal Amount of \$239,166.00,” be adopted in form presented to this meeting/S Crossman seconds (3-0)

D. Repair of Generator – A McCarthy made a motion to approve repairs of the old generator not to exceed \$12,800/R Noyes seconds (3-0)

XIV. Set date for October 2022 regular meeting – October 19, 2022

XV. Adjourn – 7:23