

School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting

September 20, 2023

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

Middle School

Board Members – Ali McCarthy, Board Chair, Sarah Crossman, Vice Chair, Rachel Noyes, Penny Lazaro and Sue Dempster

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

- I. Call of the Roll – 5:30
- II. Approval of minutes – August 16, 2023 – Motion
R Noyes motion to approve/S Dempster seconds (3-0-1 abstain)
- III. Persons desiring to address the Board - None
- IV. Approval of the September 20, 2023 Agenda - Motion
A McCarthy motion to accept/S Crossman seconds (5-0)
- V. Board Chair – Reminder of fall conference on October 26 & 27 and will add the seniors in when they arrive to meeting for discussion of Senior Privilege's.
- VI. Personnel - None
- VII. Principal's Report
 - A. Dan Ganoza – AD Report – Game play on school days – Updated board on new soccer schedules around school hours. Presented the new letter jackets that will be given to students who play in 3 varsity sports. 11 Athletes qualified. Dan brought t-shirts that will go out to athletes, community members in the next three years. The shirts are promoting sponsors and it was so popular amongst the sponsors asked, that they needed to do two rounds of shirts.
 - B. Elementary literacy update – Missy Andrews updated the board with what is happening and why in the elementary grades with Literacy. She has taken on the role of Literacy Coordinator and is working with teachers with assessing students and collecting data so that they will be able to intervene as early as possible to increase their chance of success. We are adopting a phonemic awareness program used by Pre-K-1st grade and a phonics program used Kindergarten to third grade as well as a tier II phonics program. Elementary and Title 1 teachers received training this summer in using some of the programs.
 - C. Senior Privileges – A group of seniors came to the meeting and presented a plan to the board in hopes that they will work with them in getting senior privileges back for the 23-24 school year. The board was mostly in favor of all suggestions and would like for them to come back to the October meeting to revisit an updated plan. The board was very happy to see the seniors come and present their ideas.
- VIII. Superintendent Report
 - A. PIE Donation – PIE is working with the Vinalhaven School in helping to update the lighting system in the auditorium. Bill Trevaskis has been working very closely with

PIE to come up with a budget and plan. An update will be brought to the board at a future meeting.

- B. Open House – Open House this year was a huge success. With all the tickets that students had to collect from different classrooms to going out on the Pavilion after to grab a hamburger and ear of fresh cooked corn. Thank you to Bruce Groening for donating his time and corn cooker. Over 200 students and their families were fed.
- C. Fall Conference Oct. 26-27 – Ali McCarthy covered that in the board report.
- D. Monte shared a few goals with the board. Visible in classrooms this year, available office hours for staff and parents has been set up to meet with Monte in his office.

IX. Questions of Board Members - None

X. Policy Consideration

- A. Policy JICJ Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices – 2nd Read
A McCarthy motion to adopt and approve/S Crossman seconds (5-0)
- B. Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales – Sales of Foods in Competition with the School Food Service Program – First Read
A McCarthy motion to approve/R Noyes seconds (5-0)
- C. Policy EBCF Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) – First Read
R Noyes motion to approve/S Crossman seconds (5-0)
- D. Policy EF – R Payment for Food Service – First Read
A McCarthy motion to approve/R Noyes seconds (5-0)
- E. Policy EF – Nutrition Services: Meals, Meal Charging and Prohibition Against Food Shaming – First Read
A McCarthy motion to approve/R Noyes seconds (5-0)
- F. Policy GBGB Workplace Bullying – First Read
S Crossman motion to approve/A McCarthy seconds (5-0)
- G. Policy GBP – R Earned Paid Leave Administrative Procedure – First Read
S Crossman motion to approve/S Dempster seconds (5-0)
- H. Policy GCF – Professional Staff Hiring – First Read
A McCarthy motion to approve/S Crossman seconds (5-0)
- I. Policy GCFA – R1 Hiring of Instructional Staff – First Read
A McCarthy motion to approve/R Noyes seconds (5-0)
- J. Policy ECB Pest Management in School Facilities and On School Grounds
A McCarthy motion to approve/P Lazaro seconds (5-0)

XI. Old Business - None

XII. New Business –

- A. Building Use Forms – Monte discussed the new pricing for building use and that the calendar that is found on the school’s website will have all dates that building is in use on there for the public to view. This was discussed in the Superintendent report.

XIII. Set date for October 2023 meeting – Policy Committee meeting October 11, 2023 and Regular School Board meeting October 18, 2023

XIV. Adjourn – 7:50