

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

Board members present: Alexandra McCarthy, Chair, Sue Dempster and Rachel Noyes Absent: Penny Lazaro and Sarah Crossman

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

- I. Call of the Roll – 5:30

- II. Approval of minutes – April 24, 2024 minutes –
A McCarthy motion to accept the April 24, 2024 minutes/S Dempster seconds (3-0)

- III. Persons desiring to address the Board – Samantha Thompson wanted to be sure that the board had received her letter, if the school knew when the truck that is sitting in the dirt lot would be removed and would the police be called when the van that parks on Arcola Lane in the line of traffic be called? A McCarthy thanked her for her concerns and that the school was checking in on the truck in the dirt parking lot. Vehicles parked on Arcola Lane is not really the responsibility of the school but thanked her for her concern of the flow of traffic.

- IV. Approval of the May 15, 2024 agenda
A McCarthy motion to accept the May 15th agenda/S Dempster second (3-0)

- V. Board Chair – A McCarthy made a motion to go into executive session – personnel matter 1 M.R.S.A section 405/S Dempster seconds (3-0) 5:33 motion after. A McCarthy motion to adjourn executive session at 5:41/S Dempster seconds (3-0)
A McCarthy made a motion to recommend Katrina Kane as the part-time superintendent starting July 1, 2024/R Noyes seconds (3-0)

- VI. Personnel – Probationary/Continuing contracts
Monte Selby, Superintendent read Steve Burgess letter of resignation. A McCarthy made a motion to accept Steve Burgess resignation/S Dempster seconds (3-0)
Monte Selby, Superintendent recommends Janica Barrows, Special Education Teacher to be moved from probationary 2 to continuing contract for the 24-25 school year. A McCarthy motion to accept/R Noyes seconds (3-0)
Monte Selby, Superintendent recommends Lisa Nanny, Special Education Teacher to be moved from probationary 1 to probationary 2 for the 24-25 school year. S Dempster motion to accept/R Noyes seconds (3-0)

Monte Selby, Superintendent recommends Meagan Miller 3rd Grade Teacher to be moved from probationary 1 to probationary 2 for the 24-25 school year. A McCarthy motion to accept/S Dempster seconds (3-0)

Monte Selby, Superintendent recommends Robert Brooker, Librarian to be moved from probationary 1 to probationary 2 for the 24-25 school year. S Dempster motion to accept/R Noyes seconds (3-0)

Monte Selby, Superintendent recommends Ruth Brooker, Middle School Science Teacher to be moved from probationary 1 to probationary 2 for the 24-25 school year. A McCarthy motion to accept/R Noyes seconds (3-0)

Monte Selby, Superintendent recommends Sarah Lazaro, Special Education Teacher, to be moved from probationary 1 to probationary 2 for the 24-25 school year. S Dempster motion to accept/A McCarthy seconds (3-0)

VII. Principal's Report –

- A. Cooking Club presentation – Jessica Farrelly presented. She talked about how many kids participated, the duration of the class, what the students learned and experienced in the club, some of the meals they prepped and that one of the meals went to help with Meals on Wheels, their engagement and enthusiasm, some of the scheduling challenges with all the other after school activities that the students participate in, thanking Widow Island Fund for their donation to make this possible. Jess also thanked her helpers who were Bev Warren, Gillian Lobkowitz and Zoey Stout. She said it would not be possible to run the club on her own. She ended her presentation with a notebook/scrapbook of photos of the students while attending the 23-24 Culinary Club.
- B. Susan Philbrook – French Trip approval Susan Philbrook informed the board of her upcoming French trip which is also part of the Widow Island Fund Legacy Trips. Susan and two other chaperones, Craig Lazaro and Tom Anthony will be leaving for Paris along with 6 students on June 19th and will fly home on June 28th. She talked about the areas they will travel to while in France besides Paris and some of the activities she has planned so far. A McCarthy made a motion to approve the French trip/R Noyes seconds (3-0)
- C. Safety = Bryan Feezor, Assistant Principal updated the board on more trainings that have been done since the last meeting in April. Marc Candage, Fire Chief and Ryan Nizolek, ambulance Director/AEMT have been working with the school with this process.

VIII. Superintendent Report –

- A. Update Capital Improvement Plan Monte Selby, Superintendent updated and talked a bit with the board about a few new capital projects that are in the works now. A McCarthy made a motion to accept the updated 2024 Capital Improvement Plan/S Dempster seconds (3-0)
Monte also informed the board of the fuel oil bid that came in for the 24-25 school year. Vinal Energy got the bid for this coming school year.

IX. Policy –

- A. JJE Student Fundraising Activities 1st read A McCarthy motion to approve policy JJE/S Dempster seconds (3-0)
- B. JJH (IJOA MSMA we are recoding to read JJH) Field Trips and Other Student Travel 1st read R Noyes motion to approve policy IJOA/A McCarthy seconds (3-0)
- C. JKAA Use of Physical Restraint & Seclusion 1st read S Dempster motion to approve policy JKAA/R Noyes seconds (3-0)
- D. JKAA-R Procedures of Physical Restraint & Seclusion 1st read S Dempster motion to approve policy JKAA-R/R Noyes seconds (3-0)
- E. JK Student Discipline 1st read R Noyes motion to approve policy JK/A McCarthy seconds (3-0)
- F. JKD Suspensions of Students 1st read S Dempster motion to approve policy JKD/R Noyes seconds (3-0)
- G. JKE-R Expulsion of Students-Guidelines 1st read A McCarthy motion to approve policy JKE-R/S Dempster seconds (3-0)
- H. KHC Distribution of Non-School Materials 1st read S Dempster motion to approve policy KHC/A McCarthy seconds (3-0)

Per MSMA suggestion, Policies JJE-R Class Advisor Duties & Responsibilities and JJH-R Senior Trip Guidelines and Procedures will be removed from our policies. A McCarthy motion to remove policies JJE-R and JJH-R from RSU 8's policies/S Dempster seconds (3-0)

X. Questions of Board Members – Rachel Noyes read her good-bye letter. Rachel has spent 9 years on the Vinalhaven School Board and is sad to leave but always said when she felt the school was in a good place, she would step down. She complimented the staff for all of their hard work! Ali McCarthy, Board Chair thanked Rachel for all of her years of service and that she would be missed. Thank you, Rachel!!!

XI. Old Business - none

XII. New Business - none

XIII. Set date for June 2024 board meeting – Policy meeting June 5th 4-5:30 and June 18th, Tuesday regular board meeting at 5:15 business/5:30 meeting.

XIV. Adjourn – 6:35 pm