

School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting

March 16, 2022

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

Board Members Present/Zoom: Alexandra McCarthy, Rachel Noyes, Sue Dempster, Penny Lazaro and Caitlin Clapham

Administration Present/Zoom: Valerie McKenney, Monte Selby, Bryan Feezor and Tina Davidson

I. Call of the Roll – 5:31

II. Approval of minutes of the February 16th, 2022 meeting – P Lazaro motion to approve/R Noyes second (5-0)

Approval of minutes of the March 2 Budget Workshop – A McCarthy motion to approve/P Lazaro seconds (5-0)

Approval of March 7th Emergency Meeting – R Noyes motion to approve/A McCarthy seconds (5-0)

Approval of minutes of March 9, 2022 Budget Workshop – R Noyes motion to approve/S Dempster seconds - clarification of approval A McCarthy motions to clarify the motion of March 9 minutes/P Lazaro seconds (4-0-1)

III. Adjustment to Agenda - None

IV. Persons desiring to address the Board - None

V. Board Chair

VI. Personnel

A. Retirement –

A McCarthy motion to accept Ellen Brochu's retirement/R Noyes seconds (5-0)

The board thanked Ellen for her years of teaching and wished her all the best.

A McCarthy motion to accept Jill Oakes retirement/S Dempster seconds (5-0)

The board thanked Jill Oakes for all of her years and dedication to the students at the Vinalhaven School and wished her all the best with her retirement!!

B. Resignation –

A McCarthy motion to accept James LePage resignation/S Dempster seconds (5-0)

The board excepted with sadness but wished James the best in his next teaching adventure.

VII. Principal's Report

A. Esser Report – update to the board with where our plans and spending is going in our ESSER funding. Shared our spreadsheet of how we track all of our expenditures in the budget. Valerie wanted noted that districts have been very fortunate with all of the Covid funds over the last few years and the concerns once that funding is gone.

- B. After two years, very excited to show off photos in the upcoming weeks left of school of the kids and adults without their masks.
- C. Monte shared his day at the job fair in Farmington trying to recruit new teachers for our island. The common question asked of him was “where is Vinalhaven?”

VIII. Superintendent of Schools Report

- A. Teacher Negotiations Update – As of today, March 16th, we have a tentative salary schedule and are now working on the language.
- B. Bus update – Paperwork was submitted for an energy innovation prize of \$200,000. It is a highly competitive prize and are hoping we get this to help with the financing of our new bus.

c. Budget –

Teacher contract and trying to have a comparable schedule to other districts in order to be able to compete in the hiring of staff
Ability to meet the academic needs of a wide variety of learners to ensure equity
Awareness of increase in COLA and the impact of this increase on the Vinalhaven tax payer.

IX. Questions of Board Members - None

X. Policy Consideration

- A. Policy ADF: School District Commitment to Learning Results, Second Read – A McCarthy motion to table policy ADF/P Lazaro seconds (4-0) 1 absent
- B. Policy BBA : School Board Powers and Responsibilities, Second Read – A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt policy BBA/S Dempster seconds (4-0) 1 absent

XI. Old Business - None

XII. New Business - None

XIII. Set date for April 2022 regular meeting – April 13, 2022

XIV. Executive Session – Personnel matter per 1 M.R.S.A. section 405 (6)(A) – A McCarthy motion to move into executive session at 6:21 PM/ P Lazaro seconds (4-0) 1 absent

XV. Adjourn – 8:08

