

**School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting**

**May 17, 2023**

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

**Middle School**

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

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

- I. Call of the Roll – 5:30
- II. Approval of minutes – May 2, 2023 and May 17, 2023(April 19, 2023)  
**A McCarthy motion to accept May 2, 2023 minutes/S Dempster seconds (3-0)**
- III. Persons desiring to address the Board - None
- IV. Approval of the May 17, 2023 Agenda –  
**A McCarthy motion to add an agenda item as XIV Executive Session/S Dempster (3-0)**  
**A McCarthy motion to change May 17, 2023 approval of minutes to April 19, 2023 approval of minutes and to approve the April 19<sup>th</sup> minutes/S Crossman seconds (3-0)**  
**A motion to accept May 17, 2023 agenda with changes/S Dempster seconds (3-0)**
- V. Board Chair - None
- VI. Personnel –  
**A McCarthy motion to accept Allie Heckerd to move from probationary 1 to probationary 2/S Dempster seconds (3-0)**  
**A McCarthy motion to accept Janica Barrows to move from probationary 1 to probationary 2/S Crossman seconds (3-0)**  
**A McCarthy motion to accept Robert Brown III, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher resignation/S Crossman seconds (3-0)**
- VII. Principal's Report –  
Allie Heckard, Guidance Counselor – Informed the board of how her first year has been going as the VH Guidance Counselor. She reported that she has been busy with social emotion work, college visits, working with juniors and seniors in how to go after scholarships early on and getting to know the students and what their needs may be.  
Bryan Feezor walked us all to the gym to look at the new climbing wall that just went up. The funding came from Widow Island Fund.
- VIII. Superintendent Report –  
All articles were passed at the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 district budget meeting that is held in the auditorium.  
Again, wanted the board to know that the all doors are locked during the day. There are times in the day that there are a lot of traffic coming and going and the doors are unlocked for those times. Example would be before and after school.  
Music concert Tuesday, May 23, 2023.  
Curriculum – work still continues on aligning. The #1 focus this year and next is and will be literacy. Teachers are working on having all students ready to go when they get back next fall to begin Title I, literacy groups etc. The hope is to have them ready rather than work on where kids will be and then get them into the programs a few weeks into September.

Asked the board to watch for LD974 the draft planning overview which they are planning for the fall of 2024. This would put all Ed Techs on a much larger pay scale, 200% of minimum wage. The trickle affect could be financially hard on school budgets and the salaries of all staff.

Presented a slide show – Teacher appreciation week, Bryan Feezor delivered all types of coffee, soda, snacks, lunch, ice cream to the teachers on the day they had requested. He also popped popcorn each day for the staff in the teacher’s room. There was a presentation on basic building blocks which is building students from K-grade 12 to be where they should be when leaving VH school to enter into the workforce or college. Monte thanked the board for helping out with treats for the staff on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. That day was chosen as the “Big Surprise” as it was officially the day that they ended the Covid pandemic. Monte did update the board with how we advertise when positions open up at school. The position will start with the school community, then local advertising and lastly out nationally.

IX. Questions of Board Members – Sarah Crossman wanted to know if administration had plans for the two new staff members that was hired last month at the school board meeting. Monte assured the board that there was a plan in place and would discuss further at the next meeting.

X. Policy Consideration

- Policy BGB – Policy Adoption - Second Read **A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt Policy BGB/S Crossman seconds (3-0)**
- Policy BIA – New Board Member Orientation – **Second Read S Crossman motion to approve and adopt Policy BIA/S Dempster seconds (3-0)**
- Policy BIB – Board Member Development Opportunities – Second Read **S Dempster motion to approve and adopt Policy BIB/A McCarthy seconds (3-0)**
- Policy BGC – Public Access to Policy – Second Read **A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt Policy BGC/S Crossman seconds (3-0)**
- Policy BHC – Board Relationships and Communications with Staff – Second Read **S Crossman motion to approve and adopt Policy BHC/S Dempster seconds (3-0)**
- Policy BIC – Board Member Freedom of Access Training – Second Read **A McCarthy motion to approve and adopt Policy BIC/S Dempster seconds (3-0)**
- Policy CHD Administration in the Absence – First Read **A McCarthy motion to accept Policy CHD/S Crossman seconds (3-0)**
- Policy EBAA Chemical Hazards – First Read **A McCarthy motion to accept Policy EBAA/S Dempster seconds (3-0)**
- Policy EBCA Comprehensive Health Safety Emergency and Management Plan – First Read **A McCarthy motion to accept Policy EBCA/S Crossman seconds (3-0)**
- Policy DFF Student Activities Funds – First Read **A McCarthy motion to accept Policy DFF/S Dempster seconds (3-0)**
- Policy DJ Bidding/Purchasing Requirements – First Read **A McCarthy motion to table Policy DJ Bidding until we hear back from auditor/S Crossman seconds (3-0)**
- Policy IGA Curriculum Development and Adoption – First Read **A McCarthy motion to accept Policy IGA/S Dempster seconds (3-0)**

XI. Old Business

23-24 School Year Calendar – Second Read **A McCarthy motion to accept the 23-24 school year calendar/S Crossman seconds (3-0)**

XII. New Business - none

XIII. Set date for June 2023 meeting – June 20, 2023 (Tuesday night) and the board decided to skip June with all of the graduation festivities with having a Policy Meeting. Will resume with policy in July.

XIV. A McCarthy motion to move into Executive Session – Personnel matter per 1 M.R.S.A. section 405 (6)(A)/S Dempster seconds (3-0) at 6:15 with no action

XV. Adjourn – came out of executive session at 7:01 and adjourn at that time.