

School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting

February 16, 2022

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

Board members on Zoom: Co-Chair, Alexandra McCarthy, Penny Lazaro and Cait Clapham

Board member present: Sue Dempster and Co-Chair Rachel Noyes

Administration on Zoom: Superintendent, Valerie McKenney

Administration present: Principal, Monte Selby, Assistant Principal, Bryan Feezer and Business Manager, Tina Davidson

- I. Call of the Roll – 5:15
- II. Approval of Minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting, approval of Minutes of Special Board meeting January 26, 2022
Motion to accept January 19, 2022 minutes P Lazaro/R Noyes second (5-0)
Motion to accept January 26, 2022 special board minutes A McCarthy/S Dempster seconds (5-0)
- III. Adjustment to Agenda - None
- IV. Persons desiring to address the Board – Parent concern with elementary schedules of unified arts and the transitions from class to class.
- V. Board Chair - None
- VI. Personnel - None
- VII. Principal's Report – Reported and discussed:
 - Update and photos of Student of the Month
 - Grade 3 and middle school students art work hung down in the Star of Hope
 - Update Drop everything and read and talked about bulletin board in main lobby
 - Middle School half way café – purpose to have kids interact with each other
 - Girls varsity basketball team traveled to North Haven Island for their playoff game. They lost but seemed happy just the same.
 - Boys varsity basketball team will travel to Augusta for their play off game on Saturday, February 19th to play Greenville. Good luck to them!
 - Winter NWEA testing is in progress at this time.
 - The ISLE committee is using Blooms Taxonomy which will allow teachers to see where kids are improving, where they need improvement and how to meet their goals.
 - Scholarship season is in full swing for seniors
 - Discussion was had about next school years block scheduling
 - The need for subs and volunteers
 - There will be a dress rehearsal for the parents of kindergarten students today. They will be performing Swan Lake.

- In-person update -

EOC is slowing down now that the positive cases are decreasing. We will return to school after February break with masks required but will update during the March regular board meeting. The state has plans for following the federal CDC mask recommendations once that is out.

VIII. Superintendent of Schools Report

- Goals for 21-22 Strategic Plan were presented to the board
- Evaluations are still moving forward
- Substitute Pay: Superintendent, Valerie McKenney recommended that the VHS sub pay increase from \$90 daily to \$110 daily and be offered free lunch.

Motion to move subs from \$90 to \$110 daily plus free lunch A McCarthy/C Clapham seconds (5-0)

A. Teacher Negotiations Update – Negotiations has started with the teachers. A lot of progress has been made and the hope is to have negotiations wrapped up by the end of March.

B. Budget – Attached a budget timeline for the board to look at and approve.

Motion to approve the budget timeline attached but added March 9th as an extra workshop day A McCarthy/R Noyes seconds (5-0)

Key budget points this season will be the teacher contract and the need to have salary scales comparable to other Maine school districts, the ability to meet the academic needs of a wide variety of learners to ensure equity and awareness of the increase of COLA (cost of living) and the impact of this increase on the Vinalhaven tax payers.

Played a great video that Monte Selby and Amy Ricker produced that was required as part of the Innovation Grant (Prize). The amount of the award is \$200,000 and will go towards the purchase of the new electric bus that will arrive on the island sometime this summer.

IX. Questions of Board Members - None

X. Policy Consideration

A. Policy ADF: School District Commitment to Learning Results, First Read

Motion to approve first read of Policy ADF P Lazaro/A McCarthy second (5-0)

B. Policy BBA: School Board Powers and Responsibilities, First Read

Motion to approve first read of Policy BBA A McCarthy/S Dempster seconds (5-0)

- XI. Old Business - None
- XII. New Business - None
- XIII. Set date for March 16th 2022 regular meeting
- XV. Adjourn – 6:51