

MSAD #8 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 20, 2021

VIA ZOOM

6:00 PM Business Meeting/6:15 Regular School Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Alexandra McCarthy, Rachel Noyes, Cait Clapham

Present via Zoom: Kerry McKee

Administration Present: Principal Monte Selby, Assistant Principal Bryan Feezor and Business Manager Tina Davidson

Present via Zoom: Rick Lyons, Superintendent

- I. Call to order by Chair A. McCarthy at 6:15
- II. Action on minutes of November 18, 2020 Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Motion R. Noyes/second C. Clapham to approve (4-0)
- III. Persons desiring to address the board – A member of the public voiced their concerns about the upcoming changes with the staffing. Staff was very supportive of these changes and with the administration, felt they would be fine.
- IV. Board Chair – Renee Jones, Chair resigned. Alexandra read a note from Renee saying how much she enjoyed her time on the board and would miss working with the school staff. The board thanked Renee for all her years of service! Alexandra McCarthy and Rachel Noyes will co-chair. Letters of interest will be sent to Rick Lyons and Andrew Dorr. The town select board will vote on February 2, 2021 to fill that position.
- V. Personnel
 - a. Resignations – Blake Reidy
 - b. Nominations – **None**
- VI. Principals Report
 - A. NWEA testing started today.
 - B. 3rd Grade teacher position to be posted.
 - C. A discussion was had about hanging the kids art work down in the Star of Hope windows. It was decided that Heather White would send a survey home to parents asking whether or not they wanted their child's artwork hung.
 - D. The varsity and middle school girls and boys were able to have basketball. They will not be competing, only practicing. Grades 1-3 is also in on

Tuesday and Thursdays practicing. All teams must follow the COVID recommendations while practicing.

- E. All of the CRF funding has been spent. The deadline for that was December 30, 2020. There is another relief fund that will be open for applications and will have up to 2 years to spend.
- F. February is Dear VH. Drop everything and read month.
- G. The school went to remote learning for two weeks the first of December.
- VII. Superintendent of Schools – Rick Lyons
Reported on the monthly financial statement.
Governor Mills stated that there would be no curtailment this coming year.
She will be increasing the general education funds.
- VIII. Questions of Board Members - None
- IX. Policy Consideration
Discuss and act on second reading and adoption of - Public Participation in Board Meetings – BEDH
Motion R. Noyes/Second C. Clapham to approve (4-0) to adopt policy – BEDH
Discuss and act on first reading of policy – Earned Paid Leave – GBP
Motion A. McCarthy/Second R. Noyes to approve (4-0)
Discuss and act on first reading of policy – Earned Paid Leave Administrative Procedure – GBP-R
Motion A. McCarthy/Second R. Noyes to approve (4-0) – Earned Paid Leave Administrative Procedure – GBR -R
- X. Old Business - None
- XI. New Business –
 - A. Discuss and Act on Teacher Request – Kayla Hunsinger will not return until fall of 2021. **Motion A. McCarthy/Second K. McKee to approve (4-0)**
 - B. Portrait of a Graduate – There are separate surveys on line for students to fill out and for parents/community members. The committee is hoping to keep this project moving forward and is asking all to go on and fill out the surveys.
- XII. Set date for December regular meeting: February 17, 2021
- XIII. Executive Session- Personnel matter – Per 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A)
At 7:40, Motion R. Noyes/Second C. Clapham to approve (4-0)
- XIV. Adjourn: 8:08 PM

Rick Lyons, Superintendent of Schools
