

School Administrative District 8 Board Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021

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

Board Members Present: Alexandra McCarthy, Rachel Noyes and Sue Dempster

Board Members on Zoom: Penny Lazaro and Cait Clapham (joined at 6:30)

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

- I. Call of the Roll – 6:15
- II. Action on Minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting
Motion R Noyes/P Lazaro second to approve (4-0)
- III. Adjustment to Agenda –
Add Audit Proposal under New Business and MPA application under New Business
- IV. Persons desiring to address the Board - None
- V. Board Chair – Valerie McKenney will be facilitating board trainings provided by Steve Bailey of MSMA sometime in January. All members would like to attend.
- VI. Personnel - Request for Leave
A McCarthy motion to approve Bianca Barroso’s maternity leave starting on January 21, 2021 and extend her leave until the 2022-2023 school year/S Dempster seconds (4-0) 1 abstain
- VII. Principal’s Report
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences – Kick off on Tuesday, November 16, 2021
 - School sign – Thank you to Heather White and her HS Art class for making and painting the Vinalhaven School sign. It looks awesome!!!
 - High School students along with James Lepage, Ryan Jones and Bev Warren went to visit Bowdoin.
 - Caity Quinn, Theater teacher and her High School drama class will be having a play, Will You Take This Rose this Saturday, November 20th and she has been working with Grades 1-5 on To Bee or Not to Bee. Performances will be on December 1st and 2nd.
 - Bill Trevaskis presented his plans on his annual Winter concert for December 16th and will showcase Grades K-12. Covid still plays a large part in seating and how to place the students safely.
 - Josh Miller, Sandy Nelson, Bruce Phillip, Ryan Jones, Steven Osgood and Taylor Leach will be starting the basketball season on November 22, 2021. Before the board made their motions, there was a discussion about mask wearing, traveling, spectators and concessions.

A McCarthy made a motion that all athletes, coaches and spectators will be required to wear a mask during practices and games both home and away/R Noyes second (4-0 yes) 1 No

A McCarthy made a motion that Vinalhaven School will not play schools that do not require athletes, coaches and spectators to wear a mask during the sporting events/S Dempster seconds (4-0 Yes) 1 No

A McCarthy made a motion that spectators from visiting schools will not be allowed to attend the games at Vinalhaven School (4-0 Yes) 1 No

A McCarthy made a motion that Vinalhaven teams will be allowed to travel for overnight games whether staying in hotels or gyms/P Lazaro seconds (5-0 Yes)

A McCarthy tabled the weekly testing available to athletes who are not vaccinated

A McCarthy made a motion to not allow concessions during the events/R Noyes seconds (4-0 Yes) 1 No

- Still not sure if there will be enough girls to have a High School team. There is an interest to go to North Haven to play for them. The board will need to approve later in the meeting a form sent by MPA.
- E.O.C. met this afternoon and said that all counties except for Lincoln County are in the Red (high transmission rate), record number of patients in the hospitals which is what led the discussion about teams traveling to other schools with the close contact of the sport and the positive cases.

VIII. Superintendent of Schools Report

A. Portrait of a Graduate PoG summary – Val and Yvonne did a recap of PoGraduate. The project was a grant from the Barre Foundation.

B. Teacher Negotiations Update – Rachel Noyes, Ali McCarthy board members and Valerie McKenney and Tina Davidson will be on the admin negotiations team.

C. Strategic Plan – The team, which was made up of two teachers, Pat Paquet and James LePage, 3 community members Samantha Thompson Lindsay Davis and Chad King, 4 Leadership Team, Monte Selby, Bryan Feezor and Tina Davidson. Valerie McKenney facilitated the meetings. She will be presenting an exhibit at the December meeting.

D. Bus Update – RFPs had to go out for the bus. The state had a bid from Lyons Bus for a 77-passenger bus and we are looking to buy a 55-passenger bus.

E. Change to Student Handbook – Had to strike out the section that a student must provide a Dr's note before they can come back to school when having lice.

A McCarthy made a motion to change the wording in the Student Handbook/R Noyes second (4-0 Yes) 1 absent

IX. Questions of Board Members - None

X. Policy Consideration

A. Policy JEAA Second Read – **A McCarthy made a motion to approve and adopt Policy JEAA/S Dempster seconds (4-0 Yes) 1 absent**

B. Policy JHB Second Read – **A McCarthy made a motion to approve and adopt Policy JHB/S Dempster seconds (4-0 Yes) 1 absent**

C. Policy ACAA First Read – **R Noyes made a motion to accept Policy ACAA/A McCarthy seconds (4-0 Yes) 1 absent**

XI. Old Business - None

XII. New Business –
Audit Proposal – **A McCarthy made a motion to accept RHR Smith & Company/R Noyes seconds (4-0 Yes) 1 absent**

XIII. Set date for December 2021 regular meeting – December 15th, 2021

XIV. Executive Session - Personnel matter - Per 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A) – **A McCarthy made a motion to move into executive session at 8:03/S Dempster seconds (4-0 yes) 1 absent**

XV. Adjourn: 8:14