

School Administrative District 8 Board Minutes

October 20, 2021

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

Board Members Present: Rachel Noyes, Co-Chair and Sue Dempster

Present Zoom – Alexandra McCarthy, Co-Chair, Penny Lazaro and Cait Clapham

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

- I. Call of the Roll – 6:15
- II. Action - Minutes of the September 22, 2021 meeting – **R Noyes motion to accept/ S Dempster seconds (5-0)**
- III. Adjustment to Agenda – Remove Electric Bus Purchase under XI. Old Business
- IV. Persons desiring to address the Board – None
- V. Board Chair – No concerns or questions
- VI. Personnel - None
- VII. Principal's Report - Exhibits
 - A. **Students and Staff on the go** – We have had two big field trips in the last few weeks. The 8th Grade and 9th Grade classes along with several high school students (student leaders), several staff members and a few parent chaperones went to Katahdin. A great time was had and the weather was perfect for going so late in the fall season. There was another trip the following week that took the 5th and 6th Grade students along with staff members to Tanglewood. A lot of life learning experiences and memories are always made on these annual trips.
 - B. **Special Guests** – Blake Chaffin, Nashville songwriter and business owner was a guest here on Monday, October 18th. He spoke with high school and music students. Sophie Blackall, Caldecott Medal winner was also out visiting and working with Pre-K – 5 students. She signed one of her books for each student in Pre-K – 5th grade.
 - C. **Staff** – Thursday and Friday the staff had a chance to work on some professional development. The Island Institute presented a virtual conference for the staff, Workforce Pathways, Dr. Nic Hammond, Behavioral Specialist came out to work with the Special Ed department, Mike Hopkins worked more with staff and getting to know more about NWEAs and some writing data driven goals. The administration is still working on the staff and the 50 in 50 and the Isle Team continues to promote DEAR VH and metacognition goals.
- VIII. Superintendent of Schools Report - Exhibits

- A. **Financial Report** – Financials are right on target. Have received the 2020 Audit but have found an error and waiting on auditors to get back to us as to when they can get in and fix that.
- B. **Teacher negotiations** – FITA has informed Valerie McKenney, Superintendent that negotiations will be starting up soon. Along with Valerie and Tina Davidson two board members will be on the administration team.
- C. **A three-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)** - was presented to the board. Al Koenig spoke a bit on the upcoming work that we will looking at over the next three years.
- D. **A Strategic Plan** - is a plan that allows the school leadership team along with the school board to plan for several years. A plan has been worked on by the school leadership team, a couple staff members and three community/parents.
- E. **Bus update** – Amy Watson, the manager at Fox Island Electric Company, was at the meeting to discuss the pros of going electric vs. diesel. A lengthy discussion was had and informative information was given to the school board. **A motion to approve moving forward with grant writing for purchasing an electric bus was made by R Noyes/S Dempster second – (3-1 in favor) 1 absent**

IX. Questions of Board Members - None

X. Policy Consideration

- A. Policy AD Second Read – **A McCarthy to adopt Policy, AD Educational Policy/Mission/P Lazaro seconds (4-0)**
- B. Policy JEAA First Read – **A McCarthy to approve Policy JEAA, Attendance Policy/R Noyes seconds (4-0)**
- C. Policy JHB First Read - **A McCarthy to approve Policy JHB, Vinalhaven Truancy Policy/P Lazaro seconds (4-0)**

XI. Old Business

- A. Handbooks – **A McCarthy makes a motion to accept the Student Handbook, Sports Handbook and Staff Handbook/P Lazaro seconds (4-0)**
- B. Electric Bus Purchase – Removed this item in, III Adjustment to Agenda

XII. New Business

- A. Winter Sports – Coaches – Sandy Nelson, Girls Varsity Basketball Coach and Josh Miller, Boys Varsity Basketball Coach for the 21-22 season.

XIII. Set date for November 2021 regular meeting – November 17, 2021

XIV. Adjourn – 8:23

If you would like to see any exhibits or policies that were presented at the meeting, please email:

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