

**Missisquoi Valley School District Board Meeting**  
**Missisquoi Valley Union Middle/High School Library**  
**Tuesday April 9, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

**Location:**

The MVSD Board and Administration participated at the Missisquoi Valley Union Middle/High School Library for this meeting. The meeting was held hybrid with remote access for the community and other interested persons.

**Date: April 9, 2024**

**Board Members Present**

Jen Chevalier, Renick Darnell-Martin, Joanne Johnston, Meaghan Conly, Stephanie Gagne, Pierrette Bouchard, Elaine Nester. Peter Magnant, Don Collins (joined remotely).

**Absent Board Members**

None

**Administration and Visitors Present**

Julie Regimbal, Superintendent, Bonnie Moulton, Director Human Resources, School Principals Dan Palmer and Christie Martin, Central Office Administrators Kosha Patel, Tania Hayes, Wendy Cunningham and Beth Ann Miller, John Lumsden, MVU Athletic Director, and Philip Bauchan, MVSD Technology along with the Northwest Access Cameraperson.

**1. Call Meeting to Order (6:00)**

Jen Chevalier, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Correspondence, Visitors, and Public Comments**

None

**3. Agenda Review**

The Afterschool Teen Leader presentation will be postponed until a later date due to illness. John Lumsden will present Winter Athletic information and current Spring update.

Meeting minutes are from March 28, 2024 and not March 26, 2024 as referenced on agenda.

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**4. Approval of the minutes (Action)**

a. March 28, 2024

Stephanie Gagne motioned, seconded by Elaine Nester. The board approved 9-0

**5. Administrative Reports : MVU, District Newsletter**

Dan Palmer and Christie Martin expanded on information around college fairs, career fairs, and flexible pathways for students. Exposure begins as early as eighth grade with student visits to the Northwest Technical Center and Vermont college campuses. The MVU Principals also shared student reaction to the eclipse, explanation and benefits of vacation supported study halls, and information on this year's musical and a donation to Make-A-Wish. The student musical presentation of Footloose runs April 11 - April 13, 2024. MVU Teacher Andy Godin along with numerous students built a set of adirondack chairs that were donated to the Make-A-Wish benefit, they were auctioned off for a total of \$1550!

Julie Regimbal explained the Bright Futures report and shared that MVSD students have the highest rate of proficiency in reading by third grade in Franklin-Grand Isle county. Julie Regimbal also discussed the Vermont teacher shortage. Wendy Cunningham expanded on the WOW mini-grant and explained pre-k events occurring through the end of the school year. Beth Ann Miller detailed the 21C grant award, sharing that the district would receive \$445,000 per year for the next five years through the grant for after school programs.

**6. Presentations and Discussion Items**

- a. STEM Fair Presentation - CANCELED
- b. Afterschool Teen Leader Presentation - CANCELED
- c. Athletics Presentation

John Lumsden presented a recap of the winter sports season at MVU. Mr. Lumsden shared that 229 student athletes participated over 13 teams with 24 coaching staff this season. Standings were explained and shared that there were very successful seasons across MVU. Notable mentions include that MVU hosted a large cheer competition this season and that overall a number of MVU graduates returned to MVU to assist in the athletic programming.

Spring athletics began with an increase in athletes rising from 165 in 2023 to 190 this year, participating in 11 teams. John Lumsden explained that JV softball had only seven students sign up, and 18 eighth grade softball players signed up. Therefore the eighth grade players will be divided into three groups (red, white, blue) and will take turns rotating into JV games to assist.

The middle school flag football program will be on pause at the start of the fall season, as Swanton Rec will be offering a tackle football program. MVU will assess how well it does prior to making a decision, as to not compete with valuable feeder programs. The numbers will be reviewed in August to determine if the program is necessary for our students.

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**7. Policy Adoption (Action)**

- a. [Employee Unlawful Harassment](#) (Revision)

Moved by Meaghan Conly to approve as read, seconded by Joanne Johnston. Peter Magnant confirmed this policy has contact information that is updated annual. The board approved 9-0.

**8. Business Office (Action)**

- a. [Warrants](#) (Action)

Warrants read by Renick Darnell-Martin in the amount of \$3,479,954.56.

Moved to approve as read by Renick Darnell-Martin, seconded by Elaine Nester. The board approved 9-0.

**9. New Professional Hires (Action)**

Julie Regimbal presented a new professional hire, Jill Paradee. Motion made by Peter Magnant to approve new teacher hire, seconded by Stephanie Gagne. The board approved 9-0.

**10. Authorization of Board Chair to Negotiate with Superintendent (Action)**

Moved to approved by Peter Magnant, seconded by Joanne Johnston. The board approved 9-0.

**11. Future Agenda Items:** Guidance and Work Based Learning Presentation, Cyber Security, Food Service Contract, STEM Fair, Teen Leadership Program

**12. [Future Board Meeting:](#)**

MVSD Board Meeting on April 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Swanton Central School Library

The board would also like to note that all are invited to attend an informational meeting held at the Homestead in Franklin on April 13, 2024 from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. to discuss the budget revote that is occurring on April 30, 2024. All are also invited to Highgate Elementary on April 18, 2024 for the spaghetti dinner beginning at 5:00 p.m. where board members will also be present to answer questions and share budget information.

**13. Adjourn meeting**

Peter Magnant moved to adjourn; Meaghan Conly seconded. The board approved 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.