

Missisquoi Valley School District Special Board Meeting
Highgate Elementary School Library
Tuesday May 28, 2024
6:00 PM

Location:

The MVSD Board and Administration participated in the Highgate Elementary School Library for this meeting. The meeting was held hybrid with remote access for the community and other interested persons.

Date: May 28, 2024

Board Members Present

Jen Chevalier, Renick Darnell-Martin, Don Collins, Joanne Johnston, Stephanie Gagne, Pierrette Bouchard, Peter Magnant, Elaine Nester

Absent Board Members

Meaghan Conly

Administration and Visitors Present

Julie Regimbal, Superintendent, Lora McAllister, Director of Finance and Operations, Bonnie Moulton, Director Human Resources, School Principal Yeshua Pastina, Tyler Meigs, MVU Director of Guidance, JR Cox and Joyce Hakey participating remotely, Derrick Garceau, Technology Director along with the Northwest Access Cameraperson (joined at 6:31pm).

1. Call Meeting to Order (6:00)

Jen Chevalier, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Correspondence, Visitors, and Public Comments

None

3. Agenda Review

Don Collins informed the board he would like to add "and Discussion" to section 7.b under "Board Promotion Activities" to share community input.

4. Approval of the minutes (Action)

a. May 14, 2024

b. A motion was made by Peter Magnant, seconded by Joanne Johnston to approve the May 14, 2024 minutes. Don Collins requested the addition of "Don Collins raised questions about special education change and indicated he believed this action could create confusion". Peter Magnant accepted the amendment; Joanne Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

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5. Administrative Reports: Franklin, Highgate, Swanton

- a. Jen Chevalier addressed Franklin and asked for questions or comments. Peter Magnant asked for a highlight of Super Senior David Pratt. Joyce Hakey shared information on David Pratt. She also highlighted activities in May at Franklin Central School.
- b. Jen Chevalier addressed Highgate and asked for questions or comments. Yeshua Pastina indicated the spaghetti dinner raised approximately \$1800 and shared the positive turnout. Discussion was had on the Highgate artwork and the first year there has been a mural painted on the wall in the Highgate school. Yeshua Pastina also shared that they had over 100 attendees for the pirate themed STEM night.

6. Presentations and Discussion Items

- a. MVU Guidance Data Presentation (Tyler Meigs)

Tyler Meigs presented on student outcomes, sharing data on SAT, PSAT, AP testing, dual enrollment data, and early college. She additionally shared information on events occurring and levels of student participation, colleges that MVU seniors were accepted to this year, and "Ms. Meigs Senior Survey".

The board asked for further information on the sharing of survey results with underclassmen, how MVU gets area employers involved in partnerships with the school, the aspirations program, and early college information. The board also discussed college bound seniors, career day opportunities at MVU, and tracking student outcomes following graduation.

- b. Budget Promotion Activities and Discussion

The board discussed the budget promotional flier and what could be confusing to the public. Edits were discussed and shared with the MVSD CCommunications Coordinator for incorporation. Don Collins shared comments that he heard in the town of Swanton regarding the understanding of facility cuts and concerns over special education spending. Don Collins requested further explanation on special education funding be presented to the board at a later date.

The board discussed the misunderstanding in the community that a non-passed vote would mean a default budget. Information will be incorporated into publications indicating the need for continued voting until a budget passes. Julie Regimbal discussed that the school PTO's are looking to put out its own information similar to other school's in the state. Budget promotional visits were discussed, including the Swanton selectboard, a Swanton community coffee and conversation at Swanton Central School on June 8, 2024, and the Highgate selectboard.

Julie Regimbal shared information on contracts, temporary agreements, etc., that are currently on hold due to the budget and what that means for the school district.

The promotional flier will be mailed the week of June 3, 2024.

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7. Policy Adoption (Action)

- a. C 9 Wellness Policy (First Reading)
- b. Discussion, for adoption at next board meeting

8. Business Office (Action)

- a. FY 23 Audit Acceptance (Action)
- b. A motion was made by Don Collins to accept the audit, second by Elaine Nester. Pierrette Bouchard commended the business office for their hard work. Motion carried 8-0.

9. New Professional Hires (Action)

- a. Julie Regimbal shared the resignation of a first year teacher. A motion was made by Don Collins to accept the resignation, second by Stephanie Gagne. Motion carried 8-0.
- b. Julie Regimbal shared new professional hires, Eric Fortune and Eliza Middlemiss. A motion was made by Stephanie Gagne to accept the new professional hires, second by Elaine Nester. Motion carried 8-0.
- c. Don Collins requested information on open positions, shared by Bonnie Moulton.

10. Future Agenda Items: Continuous Improvement Plan Approval, End of Year Data, Budget, Special Education Funding Explanation

11. Future Board Meeting:

- a. MVSD School Board meeting, June 4, 2024 in the MVU Library at 6:00p.m.
- b. MVSD School Board Meeting June 20th at Franklin Central School (Action)

Board agrees to the revised meeting date from June 18, 2024.

12. Adjourn meeting (8:00)

A motion was made by Peter Magnant to adjourn, second by Stephanie Gagne. Motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.