

Missisquoi Valley School District Special Board Meeting
Missisquoi Valley Middle/High School Library
Tuesday June 4, 2024
6:00 PM

Location:

The MVSD Board and Administration participated in 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: June 4, 2024

Board Members Present

Jen Chevalier, Renick Darnell-Martin, Don Collins, Joanne Johnston, Pierrette Bouchard, Peter Magnant, Stephanie Gagne (joined at 6:45pm)

Absent Board Members

Meaghan Conly, Elaine Nester

Administration and Visitors Present

Julie Regimbal, Superintendent (joined at 6:45pm), Bonnie Moulton, Director Human Resources, School Principals Dan Palmer and Christie Martin, Beth Ann Miller, Director of After School and Summer Programs, Becca Tucker, MVU After School Programs Site Coordinator, Administrators Wendy Cunningham and Kosha Patel participating remotely, 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 6:09pm.

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Correspondence, Visitors, and Public Comments

None

3. Agenda Review

Pierrette Bouchard requested to add an agenda item to discuss the MVSD Informational Meeting scheduled for June 10, 2024. The board agreed, Jen Chevalier added as agenda item #8.

4. Approval of the Minutes (Action)

a. May 28, 2024

b. A motion was made by Peter Magnant, seconded by Pierrette Bouchard, to approve the May 28, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

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5. Administrative Reports: MVU, District

- a. Jen Chevalier addressed MVU and asked for questions or comments. Joanne Johnston asked Dan Palmer to speak of the senior class. Dan Palmer highlighted senior graduation and senior walk. Pierrette Bouchard asked if there was anything else to add. Dan Palmer shared that educator Rich Ballard was nominated as Stem Fair teacher of the year and discussed end of year activities. Don Collins addressed Christie Martin and highlighted middle school tree planting.
- b. Jen Chevalier addressed district administrators and asked for questions or comments. Peter Magnant commented about the positive news regarding PCB testing. Renick Darnell-Martin asked Wendy Cunningham to speak about the end of the year in Early Childhood, she spoke about events being shared with students and families and the planning for next year. Peter Magnant asked Kosha Patel to talk about timelines for data sharing. Kosha Patel indicated she is intending to report the data to the student success committee in two weeks and the intent to create five-year goals. Renick Darnell-Martin complimented the After School Program on the award of new funding.

6. Presentations and Discussion Items

- a. MVU Teen Leadership: Becca Tucker, MVU Site Coordinator/Students - Presentation

The MVU after school program, Beyond the Bell, received \$56,000 each year for 3 years through a state grant (mentioned in Governor Scott's press release). This means they can offer six paid internships through the summer to students. A process where area businesses work with teen leaders and provide professional learning to the students in various fields. A past student and a current student presented their various roles and involvements and the amazing opportunities these programs provide to students and the leadership knowledge they are gaining.

- b. MVSD Board Retreat (Action if needed)

Julie Regimbal reached out to the VSBA; the trainer is unavailable in July. Joanne Johnston highlighted what the retreat looked like last year. Discussion on trainers and plans for one versus two retreats. More information can be gathered during the July board retreat of what the board would like a guest to provide. Tentatively schedule July 10, 2024. Start at 5:00, quick board meeting, then retreat, ending at 8:30pm.

7. Informational Meeting – June 10, 2024 (Discussion)

Peter Magnant shared that Tim Magnant will moderate. JR Cox, MVSD Communications Coordinator, will be preparing the presentation. Jen Chevalier and Renick Darnell-Martin will be presenting. The Swanton Selectboard asked to see increases in percentages increase to tax rate from one year to the next due to CLA in the presentation.

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8. Policy Adoption (Action)

- a. [C9 Revised Wellness Policy](#) (Action)
- b. A motion was made by Stephanie Gagne, seconded by Renick Darnell-Martin, to approve the Wellness Policy. Motion carried 7-0.

9. Business Office (Action)

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

Renick Darnell-Martin read check warrants and made a motion to approve check warrants in the amount of \$4,851,354.33, seconded by Pierrette Bouchard. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. Easement Letter of Agreement (Action)

Possible finding for executive session to consider legal advice.

10. HR/Contracts (Action)

- a. New Professional Hires (Action) - None
- b. Administrative Contracts (Action): Possible finding for executive session
- c. Superintendent Evaluation (Action) Possible finding for executive session

11. Future Agenda Items: End of year data and CIP approval, Student Success Committee Updates

12. [Future Board Meeting:](#)

- a. MVSD Board Meeting June 20, 2024, in the Franklin Central School Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

Don Collins referenced that a final tour of the Franklin construction project was conducted, and the tour was well done, and the building was very impressive. The board will tour during this future board meeting.

13. Executive Session: for the purpose of discussing Confidential legal advice, administrative contracts, and the evaluation of the Superintendent.

- a. A motion was made by Peter Magnant, seconded by Renick Darnell-Martin, to enter Executive Session inviting in Julie Regimbal and Bonnie Moulton. Motion carried 7-0. Entered executive session at 7:35pm.
- b. Exited Executive Session at 9:13pm with no action resulting.

14. Adjourn Meeting (8:00)

A motion was made by Peter Magnant, seconded by Stephanie Gagne, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.