

MISSISQUOI VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD RETREAT MINUTES (MVSD)

Remotely VIA Google Meet

July 21, 2020

6:30 pm

Present: Board members Attending Remotely:

Board Chairperson, Chris Shepard, Highgate, Don Collins (Swanton) Vice Chair
Devin Bachelder, (Franklin), Steve Scott, (Highgate), Peter Magnant (Franklin),
Joanne Johnston, (Franklin), Terri O'Shea (Swanton), Meaghan Conly (Swanton) and
Jen Chevalier (Highgate)

Others: Julie Regimbal, Superintendent of Schools

Call the Meeting to Order- Chris Shepard called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Julie Regimbal updated the board that the reopening plan announcement will be forthcoming this week and updated the board on the process.

Terri O'Shea reviewed the brainstorming list with the board. Don Collins suggested adding more community engagement on the goals' list. Before the Covid shutdown, there was monthly student engagement at the board meetings. The board thought it should be done quarterly and not necessarily at each meeting due to the time constraints. The board reviewed the list and consolidated some of the items on the list. The board brainstormed goals and agreed on the following three areas: The board finalized topics for goals with the following: the board developing operating expectations and evaluate their effectiveness process annually, develop a job description for the Superintendent, and increase strategies for community engagement opportunities such as communicating budget information more effectively, increasing student involvement and how the administration reports to the board. Community engagement will be more challenging this year due to less school activities and more remote meetings etc. Jen Chevalier suggested creating a timeline for the board goals.

The board agreed on the follow three district wide goals: Overall student achievement in our MVSD schools will continue to improve and close achievement gaps for students who struggle. The MVSD board will develop a statement regarding its commitment to equity and a desire to have a school free of systemic racism. MVSD will have a goal to support the implementation of a social emotional learning curriculum.

The Superintendent outlined her goals on developing a 5-year plan with school administration and share it with the board. Superintendent will ensure that a visioning

process takes place for the new district. The Superintendent will increase the effectiveness and involvement of the MVSD leadership team in decision making

Terri O'Shea and Devin Bachelder will work with the Superintendent as a subcommittee to frame the goals more fully. A subcommittee of tasks force will work on the other goals.

Peter Magnant moved, seconded by Steve Scott to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. The board approve the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Conly, Board Clerk

Submitted by Pierrette Bouchard, School Board Secretary