

Mt. Blue Regional School District
Board of Directors Meeting
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Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all

DATE: January 10, 2023

Place: The Forum

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member), Elizabeth “Ella” Mayhew (Student Member)

Absent: Janice David, Irv Faunce

Also present: James Black, Kevin Bremner, Laura Columbia, Bruce Dostie, Katie Duchesne, Chris Elkington, Jennifer Pooler

- I. Called to Order at 6:31 pm
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. None
 - IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 1. Section L
 2. Carol Coles thanked the board for their diverse perspectives.
 - V. Communications
 - A. RSU 9 [Staff Members of the Month](#) for December 2022
 1. Support Staff - Jolene Greenleaf, Ed Tech, G.D. Cushing School
 2. Professional Staff - Amanda Chick, Teacher, W.G. Mallett School
 - VI. RSU 9 Good News stories - from the Board or Administrators
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- A. Carol Coles, Board Chair, Starks - shared there is a great article on the Daily Bulldog regarding the Blue Crew.
 - B. Laura Columbia, Director of Curriculum - gave a shout-out to the school nurses and commended them for their involvement with the upcoming dental clinic.
 - C. Wayne Kinney, Farmington - commended the Franklin Fiddlers on their performance at Governor Mills' inauguration.
 - D. Superintendent Elkington - shared that the first group of honorees was recently inducted into the Mt. Blue Athletic Hall of Fame
 - E. Debbie Smith, Weld - Emma Charles, former Mt. Blue student, won National Title in cross-country skiing.
 - F. Abby Goodspeed, student rep - announced that the Mt. Blue nordic and alpine teams have done well so far.
 - G. Gloria McGraw, Farmington - echoed what Superintendent Elkington shared regarding the Mt. Blue Athletic Hall of Fame, and having all of the athletes showing support for the inductees at the last ballgame.
 - H. Katie Duchesne, Mt. Blue Middle School Interim Principal - happy to have Mr. Dostie on board as the interim AP/AD at MBMS.
- VII. Public Comment
- A. Charles Hinds, New Vineyard - spoke to the content of a December workshop by Drummond Woodsum.
- VIII. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Christian Elkington
- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
 - B. Special Recognition
 - 1. Retirement of longtime (28 years) central office employee Donna Bradford
 - C. Special Ed Certification - Is complicated.
 - D. LAW Strategic Planning Work Example
 - E. School Meal Success - We should be proud of what the State of Maine is doing along with our own RSU 9 program!
 - F. Student Teachers - We have 26 this semester.
 - G. Child Nutrition Waivers
- IX. Administrator Reports
- A. [Academy Hill School/G.D. Cushing School](#) - Keith Acedo, Principal

1. Superintendent Elkington filled in for Mr. Acedo. A comment was heard that student success shouldn't only be measured by test scores on one day.

B. [Mt. Blue Middle School](#) - Katie Duchesne, Interim Principal

1. Ms. Duchesne explained some of the NWEA data and spoke to a math program. Winter athletics are taking place. Mr. Dostie is becoming acquainted with the building and our students.
2. Superintendent Elkington commended Ms. Duchesne on a smooth transition and a wonderful job as interim principal.

X. Presentations - Columbia/Elkington

A. District Updates:

1. [Strategic Plan progress](#)
Director of Curriculum, Assessment & Special Projects Columbia reviewed progress and asked for input from the Board. The Board will review the information and questions shared and will review and discuss them at their next meeting.
2. [MDOE Assessment](#) next steps

XI. Consent Agenda

A. New Hires

B. Board Minutes from [December 13, 2022](#)

C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes

1. [Operations Committee - January 3, 2023](#)
 - a) Tour of Mt. Blue Campus at 4:15pm on February 2, 2023
2. [Personnel & Finance - January 3, 2023](#)
3. [Educational Policy - January 3, 2023](#)

<p><i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: Charles Hinds Abstained: None Vote: 13:1:0 (802:41:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion was heard.

XII. New Business

A. Policy Review

1. Second Reading and adoption of Board Policies

- a) [ACAC: Service Animals in the Schools](#)
- b) [GBB: Staff Involvement in Decision Making](#)
- c) [GBN: Family and Medical Leave](#)

<p><i>Motion to approve the Board Policies listed above.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: Charles Hinds Abstained: None Vote: 13:1:0 (802:41:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Debbie Smith Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion was heard.

2. First Reading

- a) [JLCB](#): Immunization of Students
- b) [JLCD](#): Administration of Medication to Students
- c) [JLCD-E](#): Administration of Medication to Students on Field Trips
- d) [JLCDA](#): Medical Marijuana in Schools

3. Review and Approval of Adjusted Board Policies with **minimal revisions** (one reading)

- a) [IHBA](#): Individualized Education Programs
- b) [IHBAA](#): Referral/Pre-Referral of Students with Disabilities

<p><i>Motion to approve the Board Policies listed above with minimal revisions.</i></p> <p><i>Vote on the amended motion.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None</p>	<p>Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed</p>
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	Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (843:0:0)	
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<i>Motion to amend the previous motion to reflect the language clarifications cited by the superintendent.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlman, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: Alexander Creznic Vote: 13:0:1 (759:0:84)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed
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Discussion was heard regarding what a minimal revision is and to possibly have policies be more general and cite the statute as opposed to mirroring the statute in our district policy. Review included that we are not necessarily mirroring policy but trying to make intent cleaner for students, staff, parents, and community members.

XIII. Adjourn

<i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i>		Motion: Carol Coles Motion passed without objection
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Adjourned at 7:35 pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

January 24, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - Mt. Blue High School

February 14, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - W.G. Mallett School, Cape Cod Hill School, McKinney-Vento

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - February 7, 2023 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - February 7, 2023 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - February 7, 2023 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Operations - March 7, 2023 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

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