

**Mt. Blue Regional School District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

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**DATE:** January 24, 2023

**Place:** The Forum

**Time:** 6:30pm

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

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**In attendance:** Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Scott Erb (arrived at 6:56 pm), Irv Faunce (left at 8:03 pm), Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member), Elizabeth “Ella” Mayhew (Student Member)

**Absent:** Gwen Doak, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson

**Also present:** Keith Acedo, James Black, Laura Columbia, Chris Elkington, Nichole Goodspeed, Monique Poulin, Tracy Williams, John Jones

- I. Called to Order at 6:31pm
  - 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](#)
      - Section Q
      - Reference to policy BEA regarding board members email use. Full board meetings are where items are to be discussed.
  - V. Communications
    - A. Jared Libby passed away - He was principal at WGM for 32 years before he retired.
  - VI. RSU 9 Good News stories - from the Board or Administrators
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- A. Debbie Smith, a board member from Weld, reviewed staff members of the month and the joy of bringing the awards to them.
- B. Chris Elkington, the superintendent, shared that Adult Ed is starting a Med Tech class in collaboration with Sandy River Nursing Home. A CCHS student was chosen by Maine DOE to receive an award for the number of minutes he read this past summer. Janneke Strickland, the school nurse at CBS, received National School Nursing Certification. Hot cocoa bars at our elementary schools were a hit.

VII. Public Comment

- A. None

VIII. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Christian Elkington

- 1. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- 2. Article: "An obituary for education-or not?"
- 3. 21st Century Program Progress Report
- 4. PreK Grant Submission
  - a) Update - we decided not to submit at this time and will use this draft as a start for a future grant.

IX. Administrator Reports

- 1. [Mt. Blue High School](#) - Monique Poulin, Principal
  - a) Questions were heard regarding the BARR program at Mt. Blue High School.
  - b) Discussion was heard regarding the importance and effectiveness of the BARR program.
  - c) Principal Poulin also shared that a former Mt. Blue student earned a Maine DOE Diploma today.
- 2. [McKinney-Vento](#) - Lisa Sinclair, Liaison
  - a) Presented by Superintendent Elkington. Clarification on McKinney Vento and 504, no relationship, just an update on both.

X. Presentations

- 1. [International Student Program Review](#) - Lisa Dalrymple, Monique Poulin
  - a) Questions were heard regarding whether Mt. Blue students go to other countries. We mostly do short excursion

experiences. We haven't done semesters or year-long experiences for a while.

- b) A question regarding world language at the elementary school level, the original purpose, and the funding to bring it back was discussed. At one time we had Spanish and French offerings starting in grade 1, and a program was developed through grade 12.
- c) Funding was discussed regarding J1 students, who come for the cultural experience. And F1 students who come with a visa, that counts as an academic year. Tuition is set at \$25,000 a year, and scholarships are provided. Excess revenue is being saved to start an elementary program, but not for sustaining it.
- d) Discussion was around the whole student approach used, the benefits of the program, and how this can play a role in strategic planning.

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires
- B. Board Minutes from Board Minutes from [January 10, 2023](#)
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
  - 1. Operations Committee - none
  - 2. Personnel & Finance - none
  - 3. Educational Policy - none

<p><i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Scott Erb          Nays: None          Abstained: None          Vote: 14:0:0 (853:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Rich Rhulin          Seconded: Debbie Smith          Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion was heard.

XII. New Business

A. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Assignment of officials

<p><i>Motion to enter executive session to discuss the assignment of officials pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(A).</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Scott Erb                  Nays: None                  Abstained: None                  Vote: 14:0:0 (853:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Rich Rhulin                  Seconded: Debbie Smith                  Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion was heard.

Time entered: 7:30 pm

Time exited: 7:49 pm

B. Sabbatical Request (Meng Hardy for 2023-24 school year)

1. [Review request](#)
2. Questions

<p><i>Motion to approve the sabbatical leave as requested.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Scott Erb                  Nays: None                  Abstained: Charles Hinds                  Vote: 13:0:1 (812:0:41)</p>	<p>Motion: Josh Robbins                  Seconded: Scott Erb                  Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion was heard.

C. Strategic Planning Board Input - Columbia

1. Questions?
2. Board thoughts and Input?
  - a) The value of having a less complex, simpler, and shorter strategic plan, including information on a portrait of an RSU

9 Grad, and to include a whole student focus was discussed. To look at a worldwide approach.

- b) A more understandable plan would include all parties, seeking enthusiastic support from our community, with a goal of around three big items. We need to make sure that staff, community, families, and students are able to easily understand the strategic plan.
- c) To include a clear executive summary (forward/1 pager), as well as smart objectives. Helps with focusing our work. Layout and formatting-ensure it is easy to read.

D. Policy Review

1. Second reading and adoption of Board policies

- 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

<i>Motion to approve the Board policies listed above.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Janice David, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Scott Erb Nays: Charles Hinds Abstained: Alexander Creznic Vote: 12:1:1 (728:41:84)	Motion: Wayne Kinney Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

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	Vote: 14:0:0 (853:0:0)	
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No discussion was heard.

Irv Faunce exited at 8:03 pm

Time entered: 8:03 pm

Time exited: 8:37 PM

XIII. Adjourn

<i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i>		Motion: Carol Coles  Motion passed without objection
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Adjourned at 8:38 PM

**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

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

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

February 28, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - Adult Education, Special Services

**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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