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Operations Committee

Agenda Minutes

~~December 2, 2025~~ ~~December 16, 2025~~ **January 6, 2026** | 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

Members Present: Scott Erb, Greg Kimber, Gerald Provencher, Debbie Smith

Members Absent:

Other Members Present: Gwen Doak, Jeff Barnum

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin, Nicole Ibarguen

Other Staff Present: Mike Hanson

1. Call Meeting to Order - Chair Erb

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:58.

2. Previous Committee Minutes- [11/4/2025](#) - Chair Erb

- a. Approved at 11.18.25 Board meeting
- b. Questions?

3. Work Progress - Operations Supervisor Ibarguen

- a. [FY26](#)
 - i. Review
 - 1. Nicole reviewed the updates to the document.
 - ii. Building Specific FYIs?
 - 1. AHS/Cushing
 - 2. Adult Ed
 - 3. CBS
 - 4. CCHS
 - 5. Mallett
 - 6. MBMS
 - 7. MBC

4. Updates - Ibarguen

- a. Staff Openings
 - i. Nothing to update
- b. Board Member tours
 - i. [Signup sheet](#)
 - 1. 1/22 visit to CCHS
- c. 10 Yr Planning Committee

- i. Excellent committee and making good progress.
 - ii. A Life Safety code is used to rate the projects.
 - iii. Sealander reports for MBC and WGM-They are still working on these. Request to be notified if anything comes up as an immediate need prior to the completion of the reports has been made.
- d. Safety Committee
 - i. Mapping bid
 - 1. What is it? [Wayfinder - R J Goan & Associates](#)
 - 2. Why do we need it?
 - a. For emergency services and evacuation routes with clear and uniform formatting
 - b. Digital-will get real time updates with these services.
 - c. Will include utility services
 - d. Who will have access?
 - i. Police, Fire, Sheriff, State Police
 - 3. Next steps
 - a. Paid with FY26 budget
- e. MSMA Risk and Safety Manager visit
 - i. 11/13 & 11/14 [MSMA Site Visit 12-2-2025](#)
 - 1. What was it?
 - a. Scott Holmes provided the district with a safety awareness dashboard with information on his visit to all locations.
 - 2. Questions?
 - a. Are these safety issues? Examples include extension cords that are not up to code and minor egress issues that were quickly addressed.
 - 3. Next steps?
 - a. The report has been shared with lead custodians to address in-building issues.
 - b. Recommendations need to have a final review.
- f. School Revolving Renovation Funds
 - i. Pending approval (January)
 - 1. Still no update.

5. New - Ibarguen

- a. Building Infrastructure Management Systems (BIMS)
 - i. [Energy Savings Audit Application Final 12.1.25](#)
 - ii. Possible opportunity
 - 1. Application has been submitted with no update as of yet.
- b. Special Ed Playground for AHS - Hanson/ Ibarguen
 - i. Proposal and quote
 - 1. [Quote](#), [Pics](#)
 - 2. One company was easy to work with to make adjustments
 - 3. The other company's quote was 50% more than this one
 - ii. Funding source

1. Either use special education reserve funds (will need to request of the board) or special education or maintenance lines if there are funds remaining at the end of the year.

iii. Questions

1. Can the equipment be moved as necessary in the future?
 - a. We believe so.
 - b. If there is a need to make adjustments, we would look at the big picture and potentially revisit student programming locations.
2. Wood chips are already present and built into adding each year as needed.

iv. Vote

1. Motion-Debbie Smith made a motion to support this proposal and Gerry Provencher seconded it; unanimous in support.

6. Other

- a. Sprinkler system at AHS-next steps? Get quotes, check to see if there are funds to support this at the state level, would need to go to Maine Bond Bank to get figures, and then bring the plan to the voters. The superintendent will bring further information to the next meeting.

7. **Next Mtg.** February 3, 2026

8. **Adjourned at 5:38.**

9. **Future Agenda Items**

- Climate change concerns and adjustments for schools
 - Start the conversation and brainstorm with principals about possible temperature needs
- AHS, CCHS & Mallett signage
 - More directional signage at both buildings
- Ten Year Maintenance Plan
 - [Building Assessments](#)
 - [Projects already completed](#)