

MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Educational Policy Committee

Agenda - Minutes

January 7, 2025

7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

Board members present: Wayne Kinney, Kyle Fletcher, Dina Spenciner

Board members absent: Gwen Doak

Staff present: Chris Elkington, Monique Poulin, Lisa Dalrymple, Joel Smith, Galen Dalrymple, Doug Hodum

1. Call Meeting to Order - Chair Doak

- a. Vice Chair Kinney called the meeting to order at 7:09.

2. Previous Committee Minutes- [12/3/2024](#) - Vice Chair Kinney

- a. Any questions?
 - i. None

3. Updates (7:00 - 7:15)

- a. Grant Awards - Poulin
 - i. MEEA Mini Grant (Hannah Goodenow)
 - 1. \$1,500.00
 - a. Explained how mini-grant supported Rain suits and rain boots-PK at Mallett-two classroom sets
- b. Cell Phone Committee Update
 - i. Have had three meetings, reviewed material and information; articles
 - ii. Ready to make a recommendation; will meet next Monday.
 - iii. Outstanding visit to Morse HS to see Yondr pouches.
 - iv. Looked at a variety of school policies around the state.
 - v. Hoping to have a recommendation to share with Ed Policy in February
- c. Homeschool #s as of Jan, 2025 - Elkington-TABLE

4. Presentation/Review (7:15 - 7:25)

- a. Strategic Plan
 - i. World Language & International Student Program - Poulin/ Lisa Dalrymple
 - 1. Update & Proposal
 - a. Introduction of Lisa D. and quick review of present program
 - b. Review of the previous program we had at the elementary and middle school
 - i. Ten years in trying to put a budget and plan together to try to bring back elementary world language

- c. The money raised the last 5 years in the Mt. Blue International Student Program (ISP) can now propel a plan to be put in action plans for increasing world language programming that won't cost the district
- d. Our present ISP program is certified each year and must go through Homeland Security safety checks
- e. Year 1 would be the planning year to pick a model direction. Year 2 would be when we start with a program for RSU 9 students
- 2. Discussion
- 3. Questions
 - a. How deeply of a program change do you want to make?
 - i. The hope is to look at differing models to determine what we might be able to do
 - ii. We will be able to hire a person to take charge of a committee and planning and not cost RSU 9 a penny.
 - iii. By increasing new students and funding we will be able to hire teaching staff.
 - b. What's involved in going from 10 to 20 students coming to Mt. Blue
 - i. There isn't any one strategy but multiple strategies, recruitment, visits, multiple connections, legal pieces
- 4. Vote
 - a. All in favor. Will share with the full board at the next meeting.

5. Policy Work (Starts no later than 7:35 pm) - Elkington

- a. [SY 24-25 Policy Work Index](#)
- b. Policy Folders
 - i. Review Only
 - 1. [BBBE Filling Unexpired Terms/Vacancies of Board Members](#)
 - 2. [BBD Vacancy caused by Absenteeism of Board Members](#)
 - 3. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - 4. [JIH Questioning and Searches of Students](#)
 - 5. [JIH-E Canine Student Search Form](#)
 - 6. [JJIC Eligibility Extracurricular and Co-curricular Participation](#)
 - a. There were questions about the title of Athletic Administrator or Activities Administrator. Changes will be made from Athletic Director to Athletic Administrator.
 - 7. [JJIC-R Student Suspension from Athletic Teams](#)
 - a. Change to Athletic Administrator.
 - 8. Questions?
 - a. See above.
 - 9. Approve as reviewed?
 - a. All in favor.
 - ii. Minor Changes
 - 1. [JJ Student Clubs, Co-Extra Curricular Activities, Athletic Teams](#)
 - a. Clarifies language and process
 - 2. [JJA Student Organizations](#)
 - a. Change from superintendent decision to principal decision; change "faculty" to "staff".
 - 3. [ADA * District Goals and Objectives](#)
 - a. Added "strategic plan"
 - 4. [ADF * Learning Results Commitment](#)
 - a. Added "Guiding Principles" and legal reference

5. Discussion/Questions?
6. Next steps?
 - a. Move to the Board for one reading
 - i. All in favor.
- iii. Replacements
 1. [AD * Educational Philosophy/Mission](#)
 - a. Replacing with MSBA language
 - i. Same pieces with better wording and clearer and more understandable language
 2. Discussion/Questions?
 - a. Some would appreciate seeing the comparison, which can be accessed online.
 - b. We don't presently add them as it can be difficult to go back and forth between them and can cause confusion.
 3. Next steps?
 4. Move to the Board for two readings
 - a. All in favor.

6. Next Mtg. February 4, 2025

7. Adjourned at 8:02.

8. Future Agenda Items -

February

- AI update & review