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

**Minutes**

**DATE: October 13, 2015**

**Place: The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Zweig Hebert, Yvette Robinson, Ken Charles, Ross Clair, ~~Nancy Crosby~~ (E), ~~Cherieann Harrison~~ (E), Richard Hargreaves, Betsey Hyde, Tami Labul, Angela LeClair, ~~Ryan Morgan~~, (E), Mark Prentiss, Jennifer Pooler, Iris Silverstein, Keith Swett, Helen Wilkey, Autumn Clair

**Also Present:** ~~Keith Acedo~~ (E), Jonathan Chalmers, Darcy Dunphy, Christine Gatto-Shea, ~~Nichole Goodspeed~~ (E), ~~Glenn Kapiloff~~ (E), Bruce Mochamer , Gary Oswald, ~~Darlene Paine~~ (E), ~~Tracy Williams~~ (E)

1. Call to Order by Jennifer Zweig Hebert at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge
3. Consideration of the Minutes of September 22, 2015.

Motion to approve: Tami Labul Seconded: Betsey Hyde

Vote: 10 (621) (Angela LeClair and Richard Hargreaves absent at 9/22/15 meeting.)

Iris Silverstein Entered at 7:02 p.m.

1. Report of the Chairperson
2. Good news stories from Board/Admin

Bruce Mochamer shared that the Supreme Court ran its session last week at MBC. The results will be shared with MBC students as they become available.

Darlene Paine shared that there is now a Lego Robotics Club that meets once a week at Cape Cod Hill School – this is a new club. The Legos and computers were made possible by a generous grant from the Perloff Foundation. There is also an afterschool study group two nights per week at CCHS and Fit Girls once a week. CCHS is very thankful for the shuttle bus.

Tracy Williams is in Washington D.C. this week representing Maine as the Principal of the Year.

Yvette Robinson shared that Becky Lesko is grateful for the support to hold a cross country team at MBMS with 29 team members.

1. Old Business
2. Personnel

**New Hire**

Cynthia Dixon Human Resources District

**Transfers**

Donna Bradford Accounts Payable District

**Resignations**

Tiffany Wing Ed Tech Academy Hill

**Announcements-FYI**

Jennafer Soucy Ed Tech Special Ed MBC

Zena Armadi Ed Tech Day Treatment Mallett

VI. New Business

1. Leave of absence request – Meghan Bitterauf

Motion to approve the requested leave: Keith Swett Seconded: Betsey Hyde

Vote: Unanimous (820)

1. Maine School Boards Association Resolutions -- The RSU #9 board supports MSBA’s position on all four resolutions (see handout).
2. Maine Community Foundation Agency Fund Agreement offers a better return than our current investment allows. It’s approximately $200,000 and about forty-five scholarships.

Motion to approve an agreement between the district and Maine Community Foundation: Mark Prentiss Seconded: Betsey Hyde

Vote: Unanimous (820)

1. Proposal for Grade 2 teacher at Mallett – Postponed until 10/27/15.
2. Director of Curriculum/Assistant Superintendent’s Report-Leanne Condon shared the training and professional development from the Friday, October 9, 2015, workshop day, which included the following:

MBC – worked on the new teacher evaluation system and on Habits of Mind, which is part of Proficiency-Based Education (PBE) in the morning.

During lunch MBC and MBMS PBE Committee members met together to plan for the fall PBE work.

MBC & MBMS departments worked together after lunch and collaborated on Habits of Mind and also on content area standards.

K-5 teachers participated in the ELA Subject Area Committee workshop on the district writing prompt, trained on the new rubric, and scored writing samples together. General education ed techs also participated in this training.

Special education held a training on the corrective action plan and some special ed teachers and ed techs trained on a communication system for students with communication needs.

Bus drivers and custodians participated in a Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) training offered by three of our district PBIS coaches.

Leanne offered a training for substitutes that included the mandatory Suicide Prevention Training and also offered Managing Student Behaviors. Approximately one hundred substitutes participated.

K-8 school secretaries and the MBC registrar met with Leanne to discuss the registration process focusing on consistency in procedures.

1. Superintendent’s Report-Dr. Thomas J. Ward shared that we will meet on November 5, 2015 at 5:30 in the Chef’s Table for a board and administrative workshop. We will hold a student expulsion hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

**Executive Session: Compensation of officials/appointees/employees M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A)**

Motion to approve: Angie LeClair Seconded: Betsey Hyde

Vote: Unanimous (820)

Entered into executive session at 7:34 p.m.

Ross Clair exited at 8:40 p.m.

Exited at 8:41 p.m.

Motion to accept the recommendations of the Contract Resolution Committee for all negotiated contracts: Helen Wilkey

Seconded: Richard Hargreaves

Vote: 10/ 2 (596/150) (Keith Swett and Jennifer Pooler voted in opposition.)

Dr. Thomas Ward declined to take a raise for the 2015-16.

VII. Adjournment at 8:48 p.m.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**October 27, 2015-MBC-The Forum**

**November 10, 2015-MBC-The Forum**