

Mt. Blue Regional School District
Board of Directors Meeting
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DATE: October 11, 2022

Place: The Forum

Time: 6:30pm

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

In attendance: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb (entered at 6:31pm), Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Debbie Smith

Absent: Richard Ruhlin, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member)

Also present: James Black, Kevin Bremner, Laura Columbia, Dan Higgins, Jennifer Pooler, Lisa Sinclair

- I. Called to Order at 6:30pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) - Consultation w/Attorney

<i>Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) - Consultation w/Attorney</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (951:0:0)	Motion: Kyle Fletcher Seconded: Gloria McGraw Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

Time entered: 6:32pm

Time exited: 7:05pm

- IV. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. The second executive section will be postponed.

- V. Report of the Chairperson
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - Items D & J

- VI. Communications
 - A. None

- VII. RSU 9 Good News stories - from the Board or Administrators
 - A. None

- VIII. Public Comment
 - A. Anthony Feldpausch, RSU 9 staff - Urges board to stand behind the superintendent's recommendation and leave the Gender 101 poster as is
 - B. John Logan, RSU 9 staff - Agrees to leave the poster as is
 - C. Logan Moore, MBHS student - Voting to move or remove the poster is an insult to students.
 - D. Izzy (Finch) Webster, MBHS student - Moving or removing the poster would be the equivalent of hiding the students it is representing
 - E. Janneke Strickland, RSU 9 staff - wants our public schools to promote student health, safety, and mental health and consider the negative effects of moving or removing the poster
 - F. Katie Joseph, RSU 9 staff - Concerned that moving the poster will demonstrate to students that their voices don't matter
 - G. Anna Peterson, RSU 9 staff - Please continue to be open-minded and non-judgemental
 - H. Larry Baker, Temple - Preparing our children to create their own meaningful future
 - I. Julia Daly, Farmington - Words matter, language is important. Encourage keeping the poster where it is.
 - J. Meadow Sheldon, Temple - on behalf of the MBHS Civil Rights Team - in support of the Gender 101 poster remaining where it is. Poster has a positive impact on our school.
 - K. Kristen Case, Farmington - Poster not encouraging anyone to be anything other than what they already are. Moving the poster would be shaming to the students it represents. Please affirm all students.
 - L. Valerie Chibooki, Temple - feels the poster encourages confusion
 - M. Angela LeClair, Wilton - full support of the poster staying where it is. Strategic Plan - make all students feel safe and welcome.

- N. Linda Hunter, Farmington - on behalf of Wynn Meyer, MBHS alumni - carefully consider the message that moving the poster would send to the students it represents
- O. Doug Hodum, Farmington - poster encourages acceptance; legal definitions
- P. Lynn Hunter, Wilton - kids look for pockets of safety, and school needs to be that. If the poster is moved, are you violating your own discrimination policy?
- Q. Abigail Goodspeed, Student Board Rep - Gwen Doak read a prepared statement - encourages board to keep the poster where it is
- R. Carol Coles read a statement from Gerri Chesney, MBHS school counselor - poster shows support for all students, hiding it is of little use and defeats the purpose

IX. Placement of Gender 101 Poster in RSU 9

A. Discussion

- 1. [Superintendent's Memo](#) from August 29, 2022
- 2. [Gender 101 Poster](#)

<i>Motion to move the Gender 101 posters to an inside-facing location within the guidance offices at MBHS and MBMS</i>	Yeas: Nays: Abstained: Vote:	Motion: Seconded: Motion: This motion was not made.
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<i>Motion to sustain the decision of the superintendent regarding the Gender 101 posters, given that he followed our policies, State law, and reviewed guidance from the Dept. of Education and our legal counsel</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: Alexander Creznic, Charles Hinds Abstained: None Vote: 13:2:0 (826:125:0)	Motion: Josh Robbins Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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Discussion was heard both in support of keeping the Gender 101 posters where they are and in support of moving the Gender 101 posters to an inside-facing location within the Guidance Offices.

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Supply Concerns Continue (Copy Paper)

- C. School Nutrition Meals Served
- D. Reading Recovery Parent Involvement

Irv Faunce exited at 8:10pm

- XI. Administrator Report
 - A. [McKinney-Vento and 504 Updates](#) - Lisa Sinclair, Principal Cape Cod Hill School
 - 1. System Navigators will help to reach more families
- XII. Presentations
 - A. NWEA Data Review - Laura Columbia
 - 1. [Presentation](#)
 - 2. [21/22 Data](#)
- XIII. Consent Agenda
 - A. New Hires
 - B. Board Minutes from [September 27, 2022](#)
 - C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 - 1. [Operations](#) - October 4, 2022
 - 2. [Personnel & Finance](#) - October 4, 2022
 - 3. [Educational Policy](#) - October 4, 2022

<i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, move item XIV to the next meeting, and then adjourn</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: Charles Hinds Vote: 13:0:1 (910:0:41)	Motion: Wayne Kinney Seconded: Janice David Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

- XIV. New Business
 - A. Policy Review - postponed until next meeting
 - 1. Review and Approval of Adjusted Board Policies
 - a) [AC](#): Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
 - b) [ACAA](#): Unlawful Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
 - c) [ACAA-R](#): Student Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
 - d) [ACAB](#): Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees
 - e) [ACAB-R](#): Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

- f) [ACAD](#): Hazing
- g) [GCFB](#): Recruiting and Hiring of Administrative Staff
- h) [GCFB-R](#): Recruiting and Hiring of Administrative Staff -
Procedures

2. Final Reading of Board Policy [IMB](#): Teaching About Controversial/
Sensitive Issues - postponed until next meeting

B. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) - Labor Negotiations
- postponed until future meeting

XV. Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:34pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

October 25, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - Special Services

November 8, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- MBHS Athletics, Technology

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - November 1, 2022 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - November 1, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - November 1, 2022 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Operations - December 6, 2022 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - December 6, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - December 6, 2022 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus