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Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 • 6:30pm • MBC Forum

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Members Present: *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner*
Members Absent: *Richard Doughty*
Student Reps Present: *Rubyanne Alexis, Evan Drake, Brynne Fournier*
Student Reps Absent: *Reed Cousineau*
Staff Present: *Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin*
Other Staff Present: *Nichole Goodspeed, Stacey Gilbert, Carol Kiesman, Amy Watson, Cynthia Bernstein, Joel Smith, Kevin Bremner, Nicole Lesperance, Jen Ladd*

Livestream: Mt Blue Regional School District Board Meetings

School Board Meeting Agenda Minutes

****Action Item - Requires a Vote:** The board must collectively decide to approve, reject, amend, or table the item. Decisions on action items are recorded in the official minutes.*

School Board Member Core Responsibilities and Requirements - Summary

I. Preliminary Business

A. Call to Order
   1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
B. Pledge of Allegiance
C. Adjustments to the Agenda

II. Informational Reports & Presentations

A. Report of the Chairperson
   1. Policy BCA - Board Member Code of Ethics
      a) J & K
B. Communications - *Superintendent Elkington*
   1. Superintendent's Newsletter - 9.25.2026 | 10.9.2026
   2. Staff Memo 9.30.2026
   3. MSBA Business Friend of Education Award: Kyes Insurance/Bjorn Foundation
C. Good News Stories from the Board & Administrators
   1. MBHS/MBC: Celebrated a strong Interact Club membership, a successful and fun MB Relays event, and a heartfelt letter from a former student thanking the school for its lasting positive impact.

2. Professional Development Day on 10/9: Successful Friday sessions received great feedback for achieving a balanced, effective agenda.
3. Maine School Board Association Student Workshop: Upcoming October Workshop and student reps are encouraged to join!
4. Staff Shout-Out: A parent letter commended the school nurse and food service staff for their quick, compassionate response to a student's need.
5. School Athletics & Academics: Well done at elementary and middle school athletic events communicating the importance of NWEA testing and its positive impact on teaching and learning.

D. Public Comment per Policy BEDH
   1. None

E. Administrator Reports - *Department Directors*
   1. Cascade Brook School (CBS) - *Principal, Dr. Nichole Goodspeed*
      a) *Dr. Goodspeed shared the highlights of the CBS report.*
      b) *Math Pilots Status: Teachers piloting the new math programs report strong enthusiasm. A formal check-in with those piloting is scheduled for this week.*
      c) *Student Behavior Data: Behavior management remains a greater challenge as compared to last year. However, increased documentation driven by the behavior interventionist is yielding valuable data to better inform targeted student supports and interventions.*
   2. Cape Cod Hill School (CCHS) - *Principal Carol Kiesman*
      a) *Principal Kiesman shared the highlights of the CCHS report.*
      b) *CCHS Before and After School Program is currently operating at full capacity for both before and after school care, with a total of 30 students (to include enrolled and on the waitlist). There is a demonstrated, unmet community need for extended care, but expanding the program to accommodate more students is restricted by limited funding and staffing constraints.*
   3. W.G. Mallett School (WGMS) - *Principal Stacey Gilbert*
      a) *Principal Gilbert shared the highlights of the WGM report.*
      b) *The school is evaluating the effectiveness of a "new" morning recess block on student behavior to guide future decisions, specifically looking into Office Discipline Referrals (ODRs) as a key tracking metric. Recess timing varies based on student arrival times.*
      c) *Parent Engagement: Questions were raised regarding how many parents read school communications and whether data exists showing a measurable impact on student outcomes.*
   4. Academy Hill and G.D. Cushing Schools (AHS/GDCS) - *Principal Amy Watson*
      a) *Principal Watson shared the highlights of the AHS/GDCS report.*
      b) *There was discussion regarding AHS and GDCS academic data points for the year, along with questions regarding the pilot math programs.*

F. Superintendent's Report
   1. Personnel & Staffing Update
   2. Active Job Postings
   3. Expansion of the Maine Apprenticeship Program at Foster CTE Center
   4. Staff Members of the Month
      a) Professional Staff Member of the Month-Jacob Eckert-English Teacher at MBMS
      b) Support Staff Member of the Month-Trixie Atwood-Office Staff at MBHS/MBC
   5. Letter of Support for FCCTF's Family Resource Center Recovery Support Project
   6. "Cheating is not the problem"

G. Presentations / Other Report-outs
   1. Summer Tech Institute Comprehensive Review - *Technology Integration Specialist & Training*

Coordinator, Nicole Lesperance

a) *Nicole shared the highlights of the report and the success of the offerings.*

b) *The institute serves a diverse range of PK-12+ educators across various grade levels.*

c) *Attendance limits have not yet been reached, and the current facility poses no spatial restrictions on growth.*

d) *Future presentation proposals must include explicit target outcomes.*

e) *Nicole was commended for her efforts in leading and executing the institute.*

III. Committee Meeting(s) Notes Review - *Committee consensus to move to Consent Agenda*

A. Operations
   1. Consensus

B. Finance
   1. Consensus

C. Ed. Policy
   1. Consensus

IV. Consent Agenda **Action Item*

A. *Previous Board Meeting Minutes
   1. September 22, 2026

B. *Previous Committee Meeting Minutes
   1. October 6, 2026 Operations
   2. October 6, 2026 Finance
   3. October 6, 2026 Ed Policy

Motion: *To approve the consent agenda as presented.* **Discussion:**	***Yays:*** *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Dina Spenciner* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain****: Rich Ruhlin* ***Student Yays:*** *Rubyanne Alexis, Evan Drake, Brynne Fournier* ***Student Nays:*** ***Student Abstain:***	***1st:*** *Rich Ruhlin* ***2nd:*** *Patty Hastings* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 928* *Nay: 0* *Abstain: 50*

V. New Business **Action Items*

A. *Social Media Suit - Elkington
   1. Moved by the Finance Committee to the full Board
      a) Suggested Copy of Social Media Litigation - Overview and Recent Developments
      b) Copy of 2024-03-27 Social Media MDL Litigation Retainer -Master

Motion: *To move forward with the Social Media Suit as presented.* **Discussion:**	***Yays:*** *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain****:* ***Student Yays:*** *Rubyanne Alexis, Evan Drake, Brynne Fournier* ***Student Nays:*** ***Student Abstain:***	***1st:*** *Rich Ruhlin* ***2nd:*** *Jeff Barnum* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 978* *Nay: 0* *Abstain:*

B. *Policy Work

1. *Minor Revision Update - *(brought back for an additional reading - updated wording)*
    a) EFDA - Meal Charging

Motion: *To approve policy as presented with the updated wording.* **Discussion:**	***Yays:*** *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain****:* ***Student Yays:*** *Rubyanne Alexis, Evan Drake, Brynne Fournier* ***Student Nays:*** ***Student Abstain:***	***1st:*** *Gloria McGraw* ***2nd:*** *Josh Robbins* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 978* *Nay: 0* *Abstain:*

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2. *Eliminations - *(one readings)*
    a) GBP-EPL remove (NA)
    b) GCK-remove Staff-Assignment-and-Transfers (NA)
    c) GCBA-remove Professional-Staff-Salary-Schedules (NA)
    d) GCCA-E-Remove Family-Medical-Leave-Form
    e) GCCA-remove Family-Medical-Leave (NA)
    f) GCK-R-remove Staff-Assignment-and-Transfer-Regulations (NA)

Motion: *To eliminate the policies as presented.* **Discussion:**	***Yays:*** *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain****:* ***Student Yays:*** *Rubyanne Alexis, Evan Drake, Brynne Fournier* ***Student Nays:*** ***Student Abstain:***	***1st:*** *Gloria McGraw* ***2nd:*** *Josh Robbins* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 978* *Nay: 0* *Abstain:*

VI. Executive Session *Action Items

~~A. *Motion to go into executive session to consider Labor Contract Discussions pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) with Professional Staff & Support Staff~~

B. Adjourn Meeting

1. The meeting adjourned without objection at 7:51.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board Meetings @ MBC Forum

1. October 27, 2026 *(MBMS, MBHS, FTC)*
2. November 17, 2026 - **THIRD TUESDAY!** *(Athletics, McKinney Vento/FESS)*
3. December 15, 2026 - **THIRD TUESDAY!** *(None)*

Committee Meetings - @ District Office

1. November 10, 2026 *(Operations, Finance, Ed. Policy)* - **NOW SECOND TUESDAY**
2. December 1, 2026 *(Operations, Finance, Ed. Policy)*