

Mt. Blue Regional School District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

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DATE: **October 25, 2022**
PLACE: **The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus**
TIME: **6:30pm**
LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Debbie Smith, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member)

Absent: Richard Ruhlin, Irv Faunce, Josh Robbins

Also present: James Black, Laura Columbia, Nancy Allen, Keith Acedo, John Jones, Monique Poulin, Katie Duchesne, Christian Elkington

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. RSU 9 Staff Members of the Month for September 2022-Postponed to the next meeting where we will do both Sept. & Nov.
- IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
-Section K
 - B. Drummond and Woodsum School Board Training on Contentious Issues for Board Members - Debrief
 1. Chair emphasized a couple of points along with the importance of the issues reviewed and statutes to be followed
 2. A debrief will be carried out at each of the committee meetings.
 - C. Elizabeth Mayhew will be a new student representative.
 - D. Wayne Kinney gave an update on the board delegation conference. To include items discussed
 1. Maine DOE assessment process, and have assessments done in 5-year lengths.

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2. There was a resolution for public comment only to be tied to people who live or work in the district, which did not pass.
- V. Communications - Postponed to the next meeting
 - A. RSU 9 Staff Members of the Month for September 2022
 1. Support Staff
 2. Professional Staff
 - VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators
 - A. Christian Elkington, Superintendent shared:
 - How under the McKinney Vento Act we are assisting several homeless students, multiple families in need, and that the funding is going to definite needs
 - Many good things are happening in special education thanks to the new staff members we have hired
 - The parking lots at CBS and GDC have been redone
 - Even though we had some alarms going off at the WGM School this week, the school was evacuated as it was supposed to be, the problem wasn't a leak and it was found, and how impressed we are with the professionalism and support of the Farmington Fire Department.
 - B. Abigail Goodspeed, Student Representative, shared that girls' soccer won their first playoff game.
 - C. Monique Poulin, principal at MBC, reported that through a private donation students were able to watch a play through the Theater at Monmouth, as well as have an interactive time with the actors and actresses.
 - D. Katie Duchesne, interim principal of MBMS, reported that parent-teacher conferences are going well, a great finish for the boys' cross country team, and the new MBMS social worker started this week.
 - VII. Public Comment
 - A. Richard Wilde, Farmington, reported that Mt. Blue Campus has been chosen to host a robotics competition in March. He is very excited to show the community what the students can do, and thanked Monique Poulin for the work she did in helping to make this happen.
 - VIII. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Christian Elkington
 - A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
 - B. Video Feed Difficulties
 - C. RSU 9 Voluntary Vaccine Clinics
 1. A correction was made regarding that it is for students, not staff and students.
 - D. Maintenance & Operations Progress
 - E. Mobile Computer Science Labs for RSU 9
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- F. National School Bus Safety Week
- G. New playground equipment for several of our schools has arrived and will be installed in the next month.

IX. Administrator Reports

A. [Special Services](#) - John Jones, Director of Special Services

1. Questions and comments were heard regarding the state review and how a large majority of objectives were met at 100%, and that was very good. Comments were also heard regarding moving staff based on student needs, etc.
2. RSU 9 educators will be presenting at the MADSAC conference to share some of our programming.
3. A new Career Exploration Class is going well, and students have already attended a few field trips.
4. Questions were also heard regarding the 15 students who are in out-of-district placement. As well as how we support staff who may be giving a lot of themselves. Topics included hiring differing supports for staff, special education coordinator positions, and other work that helps relieve the paperwork caseload of special education staff so they can teach.

X. Presentations

A. Strategic Plan Update -Laura Columbia, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Special Projects

1. [RSU 9 Strategic Planning Committees and Action Steps](#)
2. [Strategic Planning Committee and Goal Alignment](#)
3. [Rubric for Evaluation](#)

Director Columbia reviewed the docs shared and answered any questions about progress being made.

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires
- B. Board Minutes from [October 11, 2022](#)
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 1. Operations Committee - None
 2. Personnel & Finance - None
 3. Educational Policy - None

<i>Motion to approve the consent agenda</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J.	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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	Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 13:0:0 (846:0:0)	
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XII. New Business

A. Policy Review

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

The Chair of Ed Policy Dee Robinson along with superintendent Elkington explained that most changes were around statute updates and word-smithing adjustment.

<i>Motion to approve Board Policies listed above</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Nays: Abstained: Charles Hinds, Alexander Creznic Vote: 11:0:2 (721:0:125)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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2. Final Reading of Board Policy [IMB](#): Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive Issues

- a) [Procedure](#) if questions come up

<i>Motion to approve Board Policy IMB</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed
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	Smith, Nays: Charles Hinds Abstained: Alexander Creznic Vote: 11:1:1 (721:41:84)	
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Superintendent Elkington reminded the Board that this went back to Ed Policy to be reviewed and that since no changes were again recommended this would be considered the 2nd read. Discussion was had regarding having procedures not in policy, as they need to change quickly sometimes.

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

<i>Motion to enter Executive Session for Labor Negotiations pursuant to 1M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 13:0:0 (846:0:0)	Motion: Alexander Creznic Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed
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Entered executive session *at 7:23 pm.*

Returned from Executive Session *at 8:29 pm*

XIII. Adjourn without objection
8:29 pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

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

- Board Reports - MBHS Athletics, Technology

November 22, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - School Nutrition

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