

Mt. Blue Regional School District - RSU 9



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Board of Directors Board Meeting Agenda NOTES

DATE: October 28, 2025
PLACE: The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus
TIME: 6:30pm
LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

Board Members Present: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Patty Hastings, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Griffin Mayhew, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner,

Board Members Absent: Lance Harvell, Amanda Caruso

Student Reps Present: Reed Cousineau

Student Reps Absent: Julian Reynolds, Brynne Fournier, Rowan Shanti

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other Staff Present: Galen Dalrymple, Nicole Ibarguen, Cynthia Bernstein, Joel Smith, Carol Kiesman, Mike Hanson, Nichole Goodspeed

- I. **Call to Order** - Chair Gwen Doak
 - A. Meeting called to order at 6:30

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Adjustments to the Agenda

- A. Add a "New Business" - **A. School Revolving Renovation Fund Update**
- B. Move Literacy to "B" and Policy Work to "C".

IV. Report of the Chairperson - Chair Doak

- A. [BCA - Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - 1. "L & M"

V. Communications

- A. Superintendent's Newsletter - [10.17.2025](#)

VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators

- A. Janneke Strickland was honored as the School Nurse of the Year on Friday!
- B. FCTEC was awarded Franklin Journal Reader's Choice for Franklin, Androscoggin, etc.
- C. MSMA conference-Our board is well represented! Feedback from board members in attendance-RSU #9 implementation of BARR; updated policies, FCTEC-well received!
- D. Rich Ruhlin-Approved as the Region 6 representative. Congratulations!
- E. Thursday night-There will be a presentation of Maine Loves Public Schools, to include a segment on FCTEC-5:30 in the Forum-Please join us!

VII. Public Comment

- A. None

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Openings as of 10-28-2025
- C. Belonging, Disconnectedness, and Mental Health
 - 1. The superintendent briefly reviewed the articles that were included.
 - 2. *Boost Belonging from the Beginning* was given excellent reviews. This will be shared with the administrative team and then with all staff.

IX. Administrator Reports

- A. [MBHS](#) - Principal Joel Smith
 - 1. International Student Program-We were part of a tour with nine other schools in the state; 16 agents were involved; International Club activities?
 - 2. Engagement, Climate, Culture and Attendance are focus areas and are included in the report.
 - 3. MBC prioritizes educating the whole child-BARR is a big part of that.
 - 4. Cell phone policy has kicked off smoothly.
 - 5. Breast cancer awareness-MBC has collected almost \$1000!
- B. [FTC](#) - Director Galen Dalrymple
 - 1. Director Dalrymple reviewed the highlights of the report to include new internships at Kenway and Franklin Savings Bank.
 - 2. A snapshot of the daily at FCTEC-Door 25 exit-Football player on a step ladder, welding, with students from all sorts of programs supporting; all collaborating on their learning and the implementation of a project-just like a job site.

3. Mosher Falls Project collaboration is moving forward with a partnership with Forestry and Outdoor Leadership. Outdoor Leadership is working with the Food Bank to help with distribution for those with food insecurity.
4. CBS-Nina's Woods project-Collaboration with Digital Media-they will chronicle what sustainable wood harvesting looks like.
5. From the MSMA Conference-Shout out regarding the collaboration between the two schools. It is noticed.
6. Career Fair on 11/7-Collaboration between FCTEC and MBHS. 55 tables-businesses and colleges; there was a specific push for MB grads to participate as well. One of our board members will be there representing UMA Admissions!

X. Presentations

- None

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
- B. Board Minutes - [10/14/2025](#)
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 1. Operations Committee - None
 2. Personnel & Finance - None
 3. Educational Policy - None
- Motion/Vote

<p><i>Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Patty Hastings, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Griffin Mayhew, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain: Jeff Barnum Student Yeas: Reed Cousineau Student Nays: Student Abstain: 802/0/41</p>	<p><i>Motion: Griffin Mayhew Second: Rich Ruhlin Motion: Passed</i></p>
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XII. New Business

- A. School Revolving Renovations Fund-Nicole Ibarguen
 1. To address paving and concrete work needs at CCHS.
 2. Moving to being ADA compliant was the purpose/rationale.
 3. This will be submitted this week.

4. Question-costs? Estimate-\$294,000; not really a loan, it is more of a “grant”.

B. [Literacy Learning Opportunity Grant](#) (AHS) - Keith Acedo

1. Review

- a. Monique reviewed the grant request.
- b. Chris reviewed our RSU #9 Literacy Purpose Statement as well as a memo that was sent to staff in May, 2025.

2. Discussion/Questions?

- a. Is the \$25 per hour rate workable with our contract and is this enough money to cover what is included? Yes to both.

- Motion/Vote

<i>Motion to approve the Grant as presented.</i>	Yeas: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Patty Hastings, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Griffin Mayhew, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain: Student Yeas: Reed Cousineau Student Nays: Student Abstain: 843/0/0	<i>Motion: Scott Erb Second: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed</i>
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C. [Policy Work](#) - Policy Folders

1. Brand New (second of two readings)

- a. [DIDA - Fixed Assets](#)
- b. [DJA - Purchasing Authority](#)
- c. Review
- d. Discussion/Questions?
- Motion/Vote

<i>Motion to approve the policies as presented.</i>	Yeas: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Patty Hastings, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Griffin Mayhew, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain: Student Yeas: Reed Cousineau Student Nays: Student Abstain: 843/0/0	<i>Motion: Wayne Kinney Second: Griffin Mayhew Motion: Passed</i>
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3. Per present practice and to allow us to further explore other options (second of two readings)

- a. [Electronic Signature and Filing](#)
- b. Review
- c. Discussion/Questions?
- Motion/Vote

Motion to approve the policy as presented.	Yeas: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Patty Hastings, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Griffin Mayhew, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain: Student Yeas: Reed Cousineau Student Nays: Student Abstain: 843/0/0	Motion: Wayne Kinney Second: Griffin Mayhew Motion: Passed
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XIII. Adjourned

A. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:17.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - 6:30pm - The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

- *Board Reports - Adult Education, Athletics*
 - *Tentative Presentation Schedule*
 - *Tiered Schools? (waiting for state to release new data)*

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 - 6:30pm - The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

- *Board Reports - Special Services, Technology, Transportation*
 - *Tentative Presentation Schedule*
 - *TBD*

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - 6:30pm - The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

- *Board Reports - AHS, GDCS, CCHS*
 - *Tentative Presentation Schedule*
 - *TBD*

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - November 4, 2025 - 5:00pm - The Holman House, District Office

Personnel & Finance - November 4, 2025, - 6:00pm - The Holman House, District Office

Educational Policy - November 18, 2025, - 5:15pm - 6:15pm - MBC, Library