

Mt. Blue Regional School District
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES

COMMUNITY | CULTURE | CURRICULUM

Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all

DATE: November 22, 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, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Debbie Smith,

Absent: Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member), Elizabeth “Ella” Mayhew (Student Member), Richard Ruhlin

Also present: Keith Acedo, James Black, Laura Columbia, Chris Elkington, Nichole Goodspeed, Andy Hutchins, Melissa Williams, Mary Redmond-Luce

- I. Called to Order at 6:40pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. None
- IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. Review of swearing-in oath expectations
 - B. Committee Meeting expectations
- V. Communications
 - A. None
- VI. RSU 9 Good News stories - from the Board or Administrators
 - A. Dee Robinson, shoutout to all of the vendors at the MBC Craft Fair, and the great turnout for the FTC advisory meeting.
 - B. Deb Smith continues to be blown away at the number of programs (22) that we offer. As well as how enjoyable it is for her to give out the awards for the staff members of the month!

- C. Laura Columbia, Director of Curriculum, praised all of the schools for leading a food gathering for the community, either through a food drive or creating baskets for families. Great work in teaching our students to be a part of the community.
- D. Dee Robinson, shoutout to the Robotics team for earning a \$6,000 grant from NASA.

VII. Public Comment

- A. Kathy Hinds, New Vineyard - Read a section from a book regarding the Pilgrims, including the Pilgrim Compact, and giving thanks.

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Special Ed Advisory Committee starting up
- C. Maine Transitioning to a Through Year Assessment
- D. Franklin County Teacher of the Year
- E. District School Safety Letter updated
- F. Provision Two - School Nutrition
 - 1. Questions were heard regarding the number of meals served, reimbursement, and an increase in students participating in our food service program which were answered by Director Hutchins.
- G. Maine Clean School Bus Program

IX. Administrator Reports

- A. [Food Service](#) - Andy Hutchins, Director of Food Service
- B. Questions and discussion were heard regarding reimbursement rates, from federal and state funding. And we get paid for each meal that we serve.
 - 1. The cost of food is high, such as citrus and romaine lettuce (three times as high as he has ever seen). We are able to get what we need, and we make substitutions as needed. The location of food sources varies greatly; in season we try to do as much locally as we can through our local vendors.
 - 2. Reimbursement rates did increase this year, but not at the rate that labor and food are rising. A second round of Federal Relief Supply Funds from USDA will be sent to assist in each state. We will get some assistance from these to help defray costs.
 - 3. It is great that student past debt has now been paid.

X. Presentations

A. None

XI. Consent Agenda

A. New Hires

B. Board Minutes from [November 8, 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, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Nays: Charles Hinds Abstained: Vote: 14:1:0 (910:41:0)	Motion: Dee Robinson Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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Discussion-none

XII. New Business

A. Policy Review

1. Second reading and Approval of Adjusted Board Policies with **major revisions**

1. [JIC: Student Code of Conduct](#)

2. [JK: Student Discipline](#)

3. [JKB-R: Detention of Students Procedure](#)

4. [JICIA: Draft Weapons Violence and School Safety](#)

5. [JICIA-R: Draft Weapons in School Regulation](#)

6. [JICK: Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools](#)

<i>Motion to approve Board Policies listed above</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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	Smith, Nays: Alexander Creznic, Chips Hinds Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:3:0 (750:201:0)	
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Discussion: Concerns were heard from a couple of members regarding changing genders from his/her to they/them. As explained by the Committee Chair, APA formatting has changed and we are not changing because of other reasons. The history behind replacing they/them to he/she and returning to they/them was discussed. Concern was also voiced to voting on the policies as a group/large # and not individually or taking them in groups of three. A question was heard regarding a specific section of the bullying policy regarding hairstyles and why this was being changed.

<i>Motion to have the policy items reviewed one at a time.</i>	Yeas: Alexander Creznic and Chips Hinds Nays: Carol Coles, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Abstained: Judith Kaut Vote: 2:1:12 (125:750:76)	Motion: Alexander Creznic Seconded: Chips Hinds Motion: Failed
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Discussion was had regarding the important role of our committees, and how the majority of our work and review is done at the committee level. The Board Chair reminded the board of directors that committee meetings are open to the public, though the public is not able to comment as this is each committee's work time.

B. Computation and Declaration of Votes for Mt. Blue Middle School Career and Technical Education Expansion - Elkington

<i>BE IT VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated November 8, 2022 and attached hereto be and is hereby approved; That the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 9; That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Nays: none Abstained: Chip Hinds Vote: 14:1:0 (910:0:41)	Motion: Josh Robinson Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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the town clerks within the Regional School Unit No. 9.		
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Discussion-none

C. Approval of Bridge Academy field trip to Washington, DC (3/15 - 3/19/2023)

1. [Trip request and itinerary](#)

<i>Motion to approve the field trip as requested</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0:0 (951:0:0)	Motion: Janice David Seconded: Irv Faunce Motion: Passed
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Discussion was heard regarding questions that were asked earlier regarding paying for substitutes, carryover funds from the Bridge Year Program that needs to be used for a designated travel project. As well as the budget for the project, and student costs. As well as if the students received any credit for the experience. Not necessarily specific credit for going on the trip, but college and workforce experience which is built into the credits they are earning by participating in the program. The bus is included in the trip, as part of the tour company. There will be no additional cost for the trip to the district.

D. [2023-24 Draft Budget Timeline](#) and Process

1. Suggested adjustments

<i>Motion to approve the 2023-24 budget timeline and process as shared</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0:0 (951:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Chip Hinds Motion: Passed
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Discussion was heard regarding if the meetings were open to the public.

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

<p><i>Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) to discuss labor negotiations</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0:0 (951:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Alexander Creznic Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed</p>
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Time entered: 7:57pm

Time exited: 8:36pm

XIV. Adjourn

<p><i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i></p>		<p>Motion passed without objection</p>
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Adjourned at 8:37pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

December 13, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - Cascade Brook School, Foster Career and Technical Education Center, Transportation

January 10, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - Adult Education, Academy Hill School, GD Cushing School, Mt. Blue Middle School

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Operations - January 3, 2023 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - January 3, 2023 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - January 3, 2023 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus