

Mt. Blue Regional School District
Board of Directors Meeting
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Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all

DATE: November 8, 2022

Place: The Forum

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://vimeo.com/769041112>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce (entered at 6:34pm), Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Debbie Smith, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member), Elizabeth “Ella” Mayhew (Student Member)

Absent: J. Wayne Kinney, Richard Ruhlin

Also present: Nancy Allen, Kevin Bremner, Laura Columbia, Katie Duchesne, Chris Elkington, Jennifer Pooler, Monique Poulin, Cyndi Pratt, Melissa Williams, Tracy Williams

- I. Called to Order at 6:30pm
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. None
 - IV. Report of the Vice-Chairperson - Debbie Smith
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - Item I
 - B. Student Representatives - Welcome to Ella Mayhew who is joining us for her first meeting. Welcome back to Abigail Goodspeed who has missed a couple of meetings because of soccer games.
 - V. Communications
 - A. RSU 9 Staff Members of the Month for [September 2022](#)
 1. Support Staff - Justin Fitch
 2. Professional Staff - Rodney Spiller
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- B. RSU 9 Staff Members of the Month for [October 2022](#)
 - 1. Support Staff - Geary Judkins
 - 2. Professional Staff - Hilary Gibson

- VI. RSU 9 Good News stories - from the Board or Administrators
 - A. Libby Kaut, Board Rep from New Sharon - shared a message she wrote to Principal Lisa Sinclair regarding the positive efforts she witnessed with the evacuation at Cape Cod Hill School last week.
 - B. Monique Poulin, Principal at Mt. Blue Campus - is proud to have the student reps present. Shout out to Mt. Blue Theater Company for having successful productions last weekend.
 - C. Nancy Allen, director of Adult Ed - the van is here!
 - D. Tracy Williams, Principal, W. G. Mallett School - school held a fall family dance on Halloween weekend; PTA is back in person and raised over \$2,000 with recent fundraising activities.
 - E. Supt. Elkington - glad to be getting back into schools (no crutches!), as he had nice visits in Wilton last week. Interactions and communications are welcoming and positive among students towards him and are appreciated.
 - F. Gwen Doak, Board Rep from Wilton - RSU 9 won a door prize of a STEM scholarship from Siemen's at the MSBA conference last month. The board will select and award the scholarship to a graduating senior next spring.

- VII. Public Comment
 - A. Rob Rogers, Chesterville, and part-time FTC instructor - thanks the board for all their hard work. He appreciates coming to work at a place that is welcoming, equitable, and a safe place for all.
 - B. Dr. Joanne Chancey, Farmington - shared concerns about the changing social constructs around gender.

- VIII. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Christian Elkington
 - A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
 - B. Antigen Tests Kits
 - C. Inclusive Behavior Practices for Ed Techs
 - D. Multi-factor Authentication Training
 - E. School Nutrition FYIs

- IX. Administrator Reports
 - A. [Mt. Blue High School Athletics](#) - Cyndi Pratt, Director of Student Activities

1. The boys' and girls' Cross Country Teams and the girls' Soccer Team each won Good Sportsmanship Awards for the fall season. It was also mentioned that artificial turf has regained momentum at the Boosters meeting as fall weather continues to take its toll on the field and that a committee has been formed to research it further.

B. [Information Technology Services \(IT\)](#) - Kevin Bremner, Director of Technology

1. Cybersecurity is a hot topic right now. Questions about the types of training for staff and students were discussed.

X. Presentations

- A. None

XI. Consent Agenda

A. New Hires

B. Board Minutes from [October 25, 2022](#)

C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes

1. [Operations Committee](#) - November 1, 2022
2. [Personnel & Finance](#) - November 1, 2022
3. [Educational Policy](#) - November 1, 2022

<p><i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: Chip Hinds Abstained: None Vote: 13:1:0 (826:41:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed</p>
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Discussion was heard to include the DrummondWoodsum presentation on LGBTQ and Contentious Issues to the full board for a follow-up discussion. The discussion was postponed at this past Operations Committee because of board member absences and has been moved to the meeting in December; since the other two committees have already reviewed and discussed this at their November meetings it only makes sense for this to be the same at Operations.

XII. New Business

A. Policy Review

1. Review and Approval of Adjusted Board Policies with **minimal revisions**

- a) [JIA-E: Applied Learning Projects Request Form](#)
- b) [IKF: Draft Graduation Requirements](#)
- c) [JICK-E1: Draft Initial Incident Report Form](#)
- d) [JICK-E2: Draft Bullying Responding Form](#)
- e) [JICK-E3: Draft Bullying Remediation Form](#)
- f) [JICK-R: Draft Anti-Bullying Administrative Procedure](#)
- g) [JKD: Draft Student Suspensions and Expulsions](#)
- h) [JKE: Draft Expulsion of Students](#)
- i) [JKF: Draft Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities](#)
- j) [JKF-R: Draft Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities - Admin Procedure](#)

<i>Motion to approve Board Policies listed above, items a - j.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: Alexander Creznic, Judith Kaut, Chip Hinds Abstained: None Vote: 11:3:0 (666:201:0)	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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Discussion to move forward with only items a-f as an amendment to the motion was introduced and seconded.

<i>Motion to amend the motion to approve only Policies listed as items a - f and exclude items g - j.</i>	Yeas: Alexander Creznic, Judith Kaut Nays: Carol Coles, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Abstained: Chip Hinds, Greg Kimber Vote: 2:2:10 (160:70:637)	Motion: Alexander Creznic Seconded: Chip Hinds Motion: Failed
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The amendment was not approved. There was no further discussion.

2. First Reading of Board Policies with **major revisions**

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

- b. [JK: Student Discipline](#)
- c. [JKB-R: Detention of Students Procedure](#)
 - i. Recommendation to change reference from Grade 7 to Grade 6 to align with Mt. Blue Middle School's configuration
- d. [JICIA: Draft Weapons Violence and School Safety](#)
- e. [JICIA-R: Draft Weapons in School Regulation](#)
- f. [JICK: Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools](#)

B. Approval of Cross Country Field Trip to New England Cross Country Championships, Ponaganset High School, Rhode Island

1. [Request](#)

<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, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (867:0:0)	Motion: Janice David Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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There was a change to transportation and who would be driving. Driver and vehicle have been approved through our approval process.

C. Superintendent's Evaluation Process Review

1. [CBI](#): Evaluation of the Superintendent

Chair reviewed the policy and process as a reminder.

D. 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 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (867:0:0)	Motion: Alexander Creznic Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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No discussion.

Time entered: 7:35 pm

Time exited: 8:12pm

E. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Superintendent's Goals Update

<i>Motion to enter Executive Session for Labor Negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Superintendent's Goals Update</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (793:0:0)	Motion: Debbie Smith Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed
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Irv Faunce exited at 8:12pm without voting.

Time entered: 8:12 pm

Time exited: 8:30pm

XIII. Adjourn

<i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i>		Motion: Carol Coles Motion passed without objection
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Adjourned at 8:30pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

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

- Board Reports - School Nutrition

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

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

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 2, 2023 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
Personnel & Finance - January 2, 2023 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
Educational Policy - January 2, 2023 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus