

Mt. Blue Regional School District

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Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all.

Board of Directors Meeting AGENDA MINUTES

DATE: December 12, 2023
PLACE: The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
TIME: 6:30pm
LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

Members in attendance: Debbie Smith, Janice David, Libby Kaut, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Will Jones, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin (6:33pm), Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson, Brielle Tinker (student), Addie Colello (student), Abbey Goodspeed (student)

Members absent: Carol Coles, Gloria McGraw, Kyle Fletcher

Staff present: Chris Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other staff present: Galen Dalrymple, Chris Davis, Melissa Williams, Nichole Goodspeed, Joel Smith, Todd Demmons, Greg Henderson, Mary Redmond-Luce, John Jones, Richard Joseph

- I. Call to Order - Chair Robinson
 - A. Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:30.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
- IV. Report of the Chairperson - Chair Robinson
 - A. Introduction of New Student Reps
 1. Addie Colello
 - B. [Code of Ethics](#)
 - Q
- V. Communications
 - A. Staff Members of the Month for November
 1. Laurie Hastings-Secretary at Mallett-Support Staff
 2. Jessica Gilbert-Special Education Teacher at MBMS-Professional Staff
 - B. [RSU 9 Tech Talk Newsletter](#)
 - C. [Live & Work in Maine](#) efforts
 1. MDOE is promoting our state for employment opportunities.

- VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators
- A. Nine CCHS students went on a tour and enjoyed lunch at State House with the Maine State Garden Association.
 - B. AHS was chosen to participate in Winter Games-one school per county! This provides four weeks of daily activities to get students active and outdoors. Kiana Thompson, Jamie Leo and Nancy Ellis will lead the program.
 - C. Tri-M Music Honor Society and members of the orchestra played at nursing homes and Community Center last week. Student board members Abbey and Addie participated.
 - D. Unified Basketball has five games scheduled with the details to be finalized.
 - E. The Special Olympics grant was approved for \$4500 to help fund activities throughout the district. A shout out to Laurel Dingley and Cyndi Pratt who have been most involved.
 - F. Doug Hodum donated a 3D printer to a special education program at MBC, and it has been well received!

- VII. Public Comment
- A. None

- VIII. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Elkington
- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
 - B. District Vacancies
 - 1. Do we have exit interviews? It is on the horizon for HR.
 - C. Festival of Trees & Chester Greenwood Day Review
 - D. March 15th Professional Development Day Change
 - 1. This will be a student day. We may have an early release to allow for some PD. The details are TBD.
 - E. Electric Bus Investigations
 - 1. There was a request for thorough discussion in the future.
 - F. How generous are each state's Safety Net Programs?
 - 1. Maine is a leader in this area.
 - G. Reminder, no Second Board Mtg. in Dec
 - H. Many District Staff Will Be Out

- IX. Administrator Reports
- A. [CBS](#) - Nichole Goodspeed
 - 1. Many activities have taken place since school started.
 - 2. Highlights
 - a) BARR in 4th grade-A reduction in behavior referrals and stronger attendance have been evident for that grade level.
 - b) A new fourth grade teacher has been hired!

- c) Two local authors presented their book to staff and students. This was well received. There have been many other speakers as well.
- d) The fourth grade orchestra performed last week.
- 3. The Civil Rights Team is in place to celebrate diversity and inclusion.
- 4. Parent teacher conferences-80% attendance!

B. [FCTC](#) - Melissa Williams

- 1. The cooperative team of superintendents and school board members met last week with a successful session.
- 2. Jan Rackliff, Career Exploration instructor, is making corn hole games with her class. They are donating games to the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department.
- 3. Great new learning at FCTC-Eighth grade students visited on Friday last week. In BioTechnology, viruses were racing under microscopies. Cool things happen every day!
- 4. Middle School programming-As of yesterday, we have connected with 388 students (twice as many as last year) with lots of new experiences.

C. [Transportation](#) - Richard Joseph Jr.

- 1. There was great success for driver, custodian, maintenance and mechanic appreciation day with a follow up at MBC a couple of weeks later.
- 2. A shout out to the behind the scenes people who really run the show-Anja Munchen, Sandy Karkos, and Nicole Ibarguen.
- 3. Our new bus is on the road today!
- 4. The workshop day went well with a drivers' dynamics class and custodians receiving training specific to their responsibilities.
- 5. E Bus presentation-We are not in a prioritized district at this time. Two of our buses may qualify. There is concern that there will still be a large district expense to do this project. A review of updated information will be brought to the next board meeting. We need to do more research. The infrastructure may be a challenge for us. We are way ahead with 20 propane buses. Richard will share an update on cost and potential next steps at a January board meeting. We need to look carefully at all aspects. (Currently windshields are leaking on this type of bus.) We are unsure how long an electric bus might last related to the cost over the long term.
- 6. Good news on the employment front-bus aide, mechanic and part-time custodian are all in motion!

X. Presentations

A. None

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
- B. Board Minutes [11-28-2023](#)
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 - 1. Operations Committee - [12-5-2023](#)
 - 2. Personnel & Finance - [12-5-2023](#)
 - 3. Educational Policy - [12-5-2023](#)
 - a) Edit-Call to order by Debbie Smith, vice chair

<i>Motion to approve the consent agenda as corrected</i>	Yeas: Debbie Smith, Janice David, Libby Kaut, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Will Jones, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson Brielle Tinker, Abbey Goodspeed, Addie Colello Nays: Abstained: Vote:808/0/0	Motion: Rich Ruhlin Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed
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XII. New Business

- A. Policy Review
 - 1. Basic Changes/Updates (One reading)
 - a) [GCOC Evaluations of Administrators](#)
(1) Questions?
 - b) [JRA Student Records and Information](#)
(1) Questions?
(a)
 - c) [JRA-R Student Record Retention](#)
(1) Questions?
(a) Section 6-Paragraph B-"His/her" to be changed to "their"
 - d) [JRA- E FERPA Notice](#)
(1) Questions?
(a) "Ten" cent fee or "10" cent fee-It is important to be consistent. It was determined to use \$0.10 throughout both policies.

e) Motion to approve all

<i>Motion to approve GCOC, JRA, JRA-R, JRA-E with minor changes</i>	Yeas: Debbie Smith, Janice David, Libby Kaut, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Will Jones, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson Brielle Tinker, Abbey Goodspeed, Addie Colello Nays: Abstained: Vote: 808/0/0	Motion: Amanda Caruso Seconded: Jeff Barnum Motion: Passed
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2. Major Changes/Updates (First reading)

a) [JLCC Communicable Diseases](#)

(1) Questions?

(a) It is required to report specific diseases. The CDC maintains this list and it is fluid.

(2) Suggested changes?

b) [JHB Truancy](#)

(1) Questions?

(a) Why different ages?

(i) Five year olds-not required to attend school

(ii) Six year olds-required to attend school

(2) Suggested changes?

XIII. Adjourn

A. Motion to adjourn without objection at 7:28

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

January 9, 2024 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - AHS/GDC, MBMS

January 23rd, 2024 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - CCHS, MBHS

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - January 2, 2024 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - January TBD, 2024 - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
Educational Policy - January 2, 2024 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus