

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

DATE: December 13, 2022

Place: The Forum

Time: 6:30 pm

Meeting Video: <https://vimeo.com/781185018>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member), Elizabeth “Ella” Mayhew (Student Member)

Absent: Janice David, Judith Kaut, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Scott Erb

Also present: Nancy Allen, Kevin Bremner, Laura Columbia, Chris Elkington, Nichole Goodspeed, Richard Joseph, Lisa Sinclair, Melissa Williams, Tracy Williams

- I. Called to Order at 6:31 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. None
- IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - Section B
 - B. Reminders:
 1. Budget Committee Meetings
 - a) Are open to the public, but there is not a time for comments or questions from the public during the meeting as these are Board-directed work-sessions.
 2. Executive Sessions
 - a) A reminder that executive sessions are confidential, and need to respect the need for confidentiality.
 3. Attendance

- a) Attendance is a building block for success. We recognize that students need to stay home when they are sick but it is critical that students attend, learn, and participate.
- 4. Last meeting before the break
 - a) Proud of how the board has handled their business this year and wish everyone well.

V. Communications

- A. [MSMA Update](#) - Nov/Dec 2022
- B. [MSMA Policy Development News](#) - Dec 2022
- C. [RSU 9 Staff Members of the Month for November 2022](#)
 - 1. Support Staff: Andrea Wing
 - 2. Professional Staff: Ericka Burns

VI. RSU 9 Good News stories - from the Board or Administrators

- A. Carol Coles, reported that Abigail Goodspeed has been selected for the Maine DOE student cabinet. And congratulations to both of our student reps for earning national honor society recognition.
- B. Richard Rhulin reported that he read about a new breakthrough in STEM technology, and as a former basketball coach he was excited to see the MBC Gym full of basketball players.
- C. Lisa Sinclair, principal of Cape Cod Hill School, shared that their school has a goal of having students have a voice. Nick Levensaller shared the mission of their student leadership club. He also explained different ways students are working towards improving their school. Lilly Libby and Morgan McKay shared different ways that they have both contributed to their school.
- D. Chris Elkington shared the wonderful concert he attended last week and congratulations to the orchestra and chorus students and teachers.

VII. Public Comment

- A. None.

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. MDOE Expectations on Instructional Days
- C. Support Staff Investment
- D. Oxbow Outdoor Leadership Pilot

E. Retired Teachers Mtg.

IX. Administrator Reports

A. [Cascade Brook School](#) - Nichole Goodspeed, Principal

1. Shared how wonderful it was to have a concert and that many families attended. Questions were heard regarding assessment, Office Discipline Referrals (ODRs), and school attendance info. As well as kudos to the work that is being done by staff.

B. [Foster Career and Technical Education Center](#) - Melissa Williams, Director

1. Melissa Williams highlighted different middle level programs such as Kids Can, Fridays at Rangeley Middle School, and working with students at Day Mountain Elementary Schools. Questions were heard regarding if there were staffing vacancies. All positions are filled.

C. [Transportation](#) - Richard Joseph, Transportation Supervisor

1. Questions were heard regarding our next steps with electric buses and subsidy from the state. He shared kudos to his staff when difficult circumstances arise, they are always able to work as a team.

X. Presentations

A. [Oxbow Outdoor Leadership Pathway Update](#) - Travis Tierney and Jake Bogar

1. Questions and discussion were heard regarding the process of the grant, and the start of Oxbow Outdoor Leadership Pathway program. They are working towards partnering with community-based programs such as Titcomb Mountain, etc.
2. A variety of student work was discussed, such as interest-based experiences, risk analysis, and discussion of possible career opportunities.

XI. Consent Agenda

A. New Hires

B. Board Minutes from [November 22, 2022](#)

C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes

1. [Operations Committee](#) - December 6, 2022
2. [Personnel & Finance](#) - December 6, 2022
3. [Educational Policy](#) - December 6, 2022

<i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: Charles Hinds Abstained: None Vote: 11:1:0 (642:41:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Richard Rhulin Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

XII. New Business

A. Approval of the Building Committee for the Mt. Blue Middle School addition - Elkington

1. [Review](#)

a) Quick spelling check from board to board.

<i>Motion to approve the MSMS Building Committee as presented.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Charles Hinds Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 12:0:0 (683:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Rich Rhulin Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard

B. [RSU 9 Water Update](#) - Elkington

1. Discussion

a) The letter that was shared earlier with CCHS families and staff was reviewed.

2. Questions

a) Questions were heard regarding that CCHS is the only school with a well, as well as a discussion on how it possibly got into the water, and that it is a moving target. The district and board will need to keep a close eye on this.

C. Policy Review

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

a) Section 1

- (1) [GBO](#): Family Care Leave
- (2) [JJIF](#): Management of Concussions and Other Head Injuries
- (3) [JJIF-E](#): Concussion Information Sheet
- (4) [KI](#): Visitors to the Schools During School Hours

<i>Motion to approve the Board Policies with minimal revisions listed above in Section 1</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Charles Hinds Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 12:0:0 (683:0:0)	Motion: Gloria McGraw Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

b) Section 2

- (1) [JKAA](#): Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion
- (2) [JKAA-R](#): Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion

<i>Motion to approve the Board Policies with minimal revisions listed above in Section 2</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: Charles Hinds Vote: 11:0:1 (642:0:41)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Gloria McGraw Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

D. First Reading of Board Policies with major revisions

1. ACAC: Service Animals in the Schools

- a) Service animal questions were heard regarding if there is a policy/procedure for how other students would interact with the service animal.

E. First Reading of new Board Policies

1. [GBB: Staff Involvement in Decision Making](#)

2. [GBN: Family and Medical Leave](#)

No discussion or questions.

F. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Assignment of officials

<p><i>Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the assignment of officials pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 12:0:0 (683:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Richard Rhulin Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion was heard.

Time entered: 7:57pm

Kyle Fletcher left at 7:57pm

Time exited: 8:12pm

G. Approval of the Interim Assistant Principal / Athletic Director for Mt. Blue Middle School

<p><i>Motion to approve Bruce Dostie as the Interim Assistant Principal / Athletic Director for Mt. Blue Middle School</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Irv Faunce, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 11:0:0 (609:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Rich Rhulin Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion was heard.

H. 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, Gwen Doak, Irv Faunce, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None</p>	<p>Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Alexander Creznic Motion: Passed</p>
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	Abstained: None Vote: 11:0:0 (609:0:0)	
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Discussion

Time entered: 8:15 pm

Time exited: 8:37

XIII. Adjournment

<i>Adjourn without objection</i>		Passed without objection
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Adjourned at 8:38pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

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

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

January 24, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - Cape Cod Hill School, Mt. Blue High School

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Operations - February 7, 2023 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - February 7, 2023 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

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