***Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors***

**Minutes**

**DATE: February 6, 2018**

**Place: Mt. Blue Campus- Forum**

**Time: 6:30 p.m. Executive Session**

**7:00 p.m. Board/Budget Meeting**

**In attendance:**  Jennifer Zweig Hebert, Cherieann Harrison, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb,  Irv Faunce, ~~Richard Hargreaves~~, Jeff Harris, ~~Betsey Hyde~~, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, Robert Patterson, ~~Lidie Robbins~~,  Iris Silverstein, ~~Debbie Smith~~, Craig Stickney, Griffin Mayhew, Chris Marshall, Hallie Pike

**Also present:**  Monique Poulin, James Black, Nichole Goodspeed, Tracy Williams, Darlene Paine, Keith Acedo, Melissa Williams, Jonathan Chalmers

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Entered Executive Session 6:30 p.m. Executive Session: 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(E) Investigation of charges against a person or persons

Back into public session at 7:45 p.m.

1. Consideration of the Minutes of January 25, 2018

Motion: Scott Erb   Second: Cherieann Harrison

Vote: 10-1 (784/50) (R. Patterson abstained)

1. Report of the Chairperson
2. Good news stories from Board/Admin

**Cherieann Harrison**: Mt. Blue’s Indoor Track team, that is only a club sport currently, has 4 team members that have qualified for the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference and one student that provisionally may qualify.

Those members include:

Mariah Black (Automatically made it in) for 55 meter and 200 meter running

Laura Gunter (Automatically made it in) for 55 meter and Shot Put

Hailey Kaminsky (Automatically made it in) for 55 meter

Preston Ross (Automatically made it in) for 55 meter hurdle, High Jump, and Triple Jump

Logan Dolbier (Provisionally made it in) for 55 meter and 200 meter

The initiative on the parts of these kids as a club sport has been phenomenal.  They are hopeful that with their dedication and range of events that RSU 9 may at some point consider this a recognized sport instead of a club.

**Dr. Tom** heard from the Commissioner of Education RE: Dual Diploma with China, who offered his full support Beijing No. 2 Middle School.

**Doug Dunlap**- toured Foster Tech Center and Mt. Blue Campus with Glenn Kapiloff and Monique Poulin last week.  He appreciated the tour and was impressed with the programs. Students were eager to share what they were working on with Doug. Tours are given on the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

**Craig Stickney**- received a letter from governor stating that he was looking forward to helping with the suggestions he had previously made at their meeting.

**James Black**- Arcola students visited last week and left on Sunday. Middle School students will be visiting them soon.

**Monique Poulin**- Seven of our band and chorus students participated in the Kennebec Valley Music Educators' Association performances this weekend. They represented our school well!

Last week 35 members of National Honor Society were at Sugarloaf supporting Special Olympians. They received many compliments on their endeavor.

**Melissa Williams**-has two second-year students taking the Commercial Truck Driving Course at Region 9 in Mexico. One student passed his Class B permit yesterday, and is on his way to  Class A licensure. This is a great partnership, with our students benefiting greatly from this opportunity.

**Becky Dennison**-The ME Youth Leadership Conference in Bangor was a great experience for students and chaperones alike.

There is a brief write up in the Daily Bulldog. Some quotes by students did not make it into the Bulldog article.

"I believe the youth conference changed a lot of people's minds. It definitely has opened my eyes. I believe that it changed my life, because it helped me with stuff I didn’t know a lot about before. I am honestly happy that I had the opportunity to go to the conference and be a part of a group of leaders and to learn about how to communicate and help others.  “Don’t be afraid to go after something you want.” *- Martha Carter*

"I am literally counting down the days till next year's conference. I met so many amazing people." - Alex Mudie

"I thought the trip was a very good experience because it taught me about listening to people, giving them eye contact while they are talking, thinking about "putting myself in other people's shoes" especially with hard conversations. A nice experience getting to meet new people." - Alexis Johnson

  VI. Public Comment-none

  VII. Old Business

1. Personnel

Resign-

Sara Nye Ed Tech III-Pre-K Cushing

Retire-

Jeff Meserve Physical Ed. Teacher CBS

 VIII. New Business

1. FBLA Field Trip Approval-Regina Savage. Freshman Charlie Eng reported on public service and fundraising activities the FBLA has already completed this year. The field trip is to a two-day conference in Portland. The first day consists of competitions in public speaking, business math, and other business related areas. Each team member must compete in at least three events. On the second day students a series of workshops on job related topics.

Motion to approve: Angie LeClair   Second: Doug Dunlap

Vote: 11:0

1. Robotics Field Trip Approval-Richard Wilde Tabled until next Tuesday.
2. Bus Lease Financing Approval

Motion: The School Board authorizes the Superintendent to accept the proposal for a lease purchase of a school bus from O’Connor Motor Company in the principal amount of $84,500 at an interest rate of 3.23% for a term of 5 years. Irv Faunce  Second: Angie LeClair

Vote: 11:0

1. Board Committee Reports-                 Finance                           Dropout Prevention                 Policy meets on Monday, 2/12

Administrative Evaluation has been meeting often. The superintendent’s position has been advertised. A survey will be forthcoming.                                                                                         Negotiations-has been meeting with the support staff and negotiations are going very well.

1. Superintendent’s Report-Dr. Thomas J. Ward-nothing at this time.

  IX. Budget Workshop

Griffin Mayhew entered at 8:18 p.m.

For the past two years 8/10 towns have not seen an increase. This year the state will fund Essential Programs and Services at 100% vs. the 97% they previously funded.

Kris Pottle reviewed the ED279, which is the State Calculation for Funding Public Education Report. She feels there are many positive aspects of this report. We will be receiving $366,000 more for Sp. Ed. We are receiving $818,832 more funding from the state this year.

    X. Adjournment at 9:02

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**February 13, 2018-6:30pm-Board Business/Budget Meeting-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**February 27, 2018-6:30pm-Board Business/Budget Meeting-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Administrative Evaluation-February 6, 2018-5:00pm-Chef’s Table-Mt. Blue Campus**

**Policy-February 7, 2018-5:00pm-Chef’s Table-Mt. Blue Campus**