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Board of Directors Board Meeting Agenda Minutes

DATE: February 11, 2025

PLACE: Mt. Blue Campus Forum

TIME: 6:30pm

LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

Members present: Gerry Provencher, Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Katie Martikke, Dina Spenciner

Members absent: Dee Robinson

Student members present: Julian Reynolds, Rowan Shanti, Brielle Tinker

Student members absent: Adeline Collelo

Staff present: Chris Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other staff members present: Galen Dalrymple, Tracy Williams, Nichole Goodspeed, Joel Smith, Kevin Bremner, Carol Kiesman, Cynthia Bernstein, Mike Hanson

- I. **Call to Order** - Chair Robinson

 - II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

 - III. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
 - A. Add Robotics Field Trip
 - B. Adjournment after votes and then sign warrants

 - IV. **Report of the Chairperson** - Chair Robinson
 - A. [Code of Ethics](#)
 - E & F

 - V. **Communications**
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- A. Chris shared with the board that Tracy Williams will be retiring and read portions of her letter.

VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators

- A. Principal Williams shared several positives and happenings at Mallett.
- B. Congratulations to the Boys' Basketball Team-they are headed to the tournament!
- C. Plans for the March Workshop Day are coming together with many sessions offered by RSU #9 staff members.
- D. Athletics at MBHS-Much to celebrate regarding wrestling (Northern Maine Champions), nordic skiing (boys' and girls' KVAC championships) and alpine skiing also did well.

VII. Public Comment

- A. None

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Openings as of 2-11-2025
- C. Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant Agreement
- D. The 25-26 Budget Process is in full swing
 - Due to the weather forecast, the budget meeting has been rescheduled from Thursday to Friday.

IX. Administrator Reports

- A. Moved to 2/25/25

X. Presentations

- A. AI Update & Review - Bremner
 - Draft Admin Guidelines on the use of AI
 - Review of
 - (1) [AI progress update](#)
 - (2) [Administrative Guidelines on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence by Staff and Students in RSU #9](#)
 - (3) [Academic and Professional Expectations for the Use of Generative AI by Students and Staff](#)
 - (a) Kevin reviewed the highlights of each of the documents.
 - (i) Based on Drummond Woodsum counsel
 - (ii) Fluidity to documents over time
 - (iii) Training for staff and students

- (iv) Staff not required to use AI
- (v) Appropriate use of AI
 - (a) Student data protected
 - (b) Verifying accuracy of information in systems
 - (c) Sensitive situations are key
- (vi) Next year
 - (a) All teachers participate in training at the start of the year; all students as well.
- (vii) Current focus in more grades 6-12; will adapt materials for lower grade levels.
- (viii) Attribution is vital-whenver students are going to use AI, attribute how they used AI (similar to reference at end of research paper), A scale was developed to rate level of AI.

- Questions?

- (1) At UMF, there is a movement to understand how it works. How do we get students to know how to use it because jobs are going to require it? There is a need to train students on how to use it. That is our goal to do so effectively and responsibly.
- (2) Foresee policies? We will need an AI curriculum to integrate across content areas.
- (3) Researched and approved resources list-impressed and appreciate the options; companies are on board with data privacy agreements
- (4) AI is expanding at lightspeed in the corporate world.
- (5) Student input
 - (a) English-show different types of writing and grammar that support students; students do use it to help with homework and understanding concepts.

- Motion to approve

<p><i>Motion to approve the Guidelines and Expectations for Use as presented</i></p>	<p><i>Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Katie Martikke, Dina Spenciner</i></p> <p><i>Nays:</i></p> <p><i>Abstain: Gerry Provencher</i></p> <p><i>Student Yeas: Brielle Tinker, Julian Reynolds</i></p> <p><i>Rowan Shanti</i></p> <p><i>Student Nays:</i></p> <p><i>Student Abstain:</i></p> <p><i>851/0/76</i></p>	<p><i>Motion: Scott Erb</i></p> <p><i>Second: Lance Harvell</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
- B. Board Minutes - [01/28/2025](#)
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 - Operations Committee - [2/4/2025](#)
 - Personnel & Finance - [2/4/2025](#)
 - Educational Policy - [2/4/2025](#)
- D. Motion/Vote

<p><i>Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented</i></p>	<p><i>Yeas: Gerry Provencher, Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Katie Martikke, Dina Spenciner</i></p> <p><i>Nays:</i></p> <p><i>Abstain: Rich Ruhlin</i></p> <p><i>Student Yeas: Brielle Tinker, Julian Reynolds</i></p> <p><i>Rowan Shanti</i></p> <p><i>Student Nays:</i></p> <p><i>Student Abstain:</i></p> <p><i>877/0/50</i></p>	<p><i>Motion: Lance Harvell</i></p> <p><i>Second: Debbie Smith</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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XII. New Business

- A. Field Trip: [FBLA State Leadership Conf](#)
 - 1. Review
 - 2. Discussion/Questions
 - a. Motion/Vote

<p><i>Motion to approve the field trip as presented</i></p>	<p><i>Yeas: Gerry Provencher, Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Katie Martikke, Dina Spenciner</i></p> <p><i>Nays:</i></p> <p><i>Abstain:</i></p> <p><i>Student Yeas: Brielle Tinker, Julian Reynolds</i></p> <p><i>Rowan Shanti</i></p> <p><i>Student Nays:</i></p> <p><i>Student Abstain:</i></p> <p><i>927/0/0</i></p>	<p><i>Motion: Debbie Smith</i></p> <p><i>Second: Rich Ruhlin</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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- B. Field Trip Robotics
 - 1. Review
 - 2. Discussion/Questions
 - b. Motion/Vote

<p><i>Motion to approve the field</i></p>	<p><i>Yeas: Gerry Provencher, Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum,</i></p>	<p><i>Motion: Rich Ruhlin</i></p>
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<i>trip as presented</i>	<i>Amanda Caruso, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Katie Martikke, Dina Spenciner</i> <i>Nays:</i> <i>Abstain:</i> <i>Student Yeas: Brielle Tinker, Julian Reynolds</i> <i>Rowan Shanti</i> <i>Student Nays:</i> <i>Student Abstain:</i> <i>927/0/0</i>	<i>Second: Lance Harvell</i> <i>Motion: Passed</i>
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C. Policy Work

- Minor Changes (one reading)
 - [BCC Nepotism](#)
 - Discussion/Questions?
 - Motion/Vote

<i>Motion to approve the policy change as presented</i>	<i>Yeas: Gerry Provencher, Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Katie Martikke, Dina Spenciner</i> <i>Nays:</i> <i>Abstain:</i> <i>Student Yeas: Brielle Tinker, Julian Reynolds</i> <i>Rowan Shanti</i> <i>Student Nays:</i> <i>Student Abstain:</i> <i>9271/0/0</i>	<i>Motion: Scott Erb</i> <i>Second: Wayne Kinney</i> <i>Motion: Passed</i>
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- Replacements (first of two readings)
 - BDD Board Superintendent Relationship
 - (1) [BDD Replace with MSBA Sample Policy](#)
 - BDF Advisory Committee to Board
 - (1) [Replace with MSBA Sample Policy](#)
 - Discussion/Questions?
 - (1) Replacement in full
- Major Revisions (first of two readings)
 - [BE School Board Meetings](#)
 - Discussion/Questions?
 - (1) None
- Eliminations
 - [BE-R Adjournment of Board Meeting](#)
 - (1) Incorporate into BE
 - [BEC Executive Sessions](#)
 - (1) Covered under BE, with suggested new language
 - [BEDC Quorum](#)

- (1) Add into BE & eliminate
- **BEC-E Executive Session Law**
 - (1) Repeats what's in Statute
- **JJB-R Student Social Events Regulations**
 - (1) Covered in JJB and facility use procedures
- Discussion/Questions?
 - (1) Concern if we eliminate now with no policy in place, better to eliminate after the new policy is approved.
- Motion/Vote to Eliminate
 - (1) Table to next meeting after policy has been set.

B. Votes to be adopted by the School Board

- *Motion that the warrant and notice of election of Regional School Unit No. 9 presented to the meeting be approved and that a referendum election for the RSU be called for March 24, 2025 for the purpose of approving a school construction project as described therein.*
 - *Discussion*
 - *Vote*

<p><i>Motion to approve the warrant, notice of election and the referendum vote (as read above)</i></p>	<p><i>Yeas: Gerry Provencher, Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Katie Martikke, Dina Spenciner</i></p> <p><i>Nays:</i></p> <p><i>Abstain:</i></p> <p><i>Student Yeas: Brielle Tinker, Julian Reynolds</i></p> <p><i>Rowan Shanti</i></p> <p><i>Student Nays:</i></p> <p><i>Student Abstain:</i></p> <p><i>927/0/0</i></p>	<p><i>Motion: Rich Ruhlin</i></p> <p><i>Second: Lance Harvell</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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- *Motion that the Notice of Public Hearing presented to the meeting be approved and that a public hearing on the school construction project be held on March, 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. as provided therein.*
 - *Discussion*
 - (1) *Is school construction Ingalls? Yes it is considered a school construction project?*
 - (2) *How much information was sent to towns?*
 - (a) *Mary is going to every selectboard meeting to share information. Town clerks were contacted ahead of time to schedule the vote. More information will be shared as well.*

- *Vote*

<p><i>Motion to approve the Notice of Public Hearing and the hearing (as read above)</i></p>	<p><i>Yeas: Gerry Provencher, Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Katie Martikke, Dina Spenciner</i></p> <p><i>Nays:</i></p> <p><i>Abstain:</i></p> <p><i>Student Yeas: Brielle Tinker, Julian Reynolds</i></p> <p><i>Rowan Shanti</i></p> <p><i>Student Nays:</i></p> <p><i>Student Abstain:</i></p> <p><i>927/0/0</i></p>	<p><i>Motion: Scott Erb</i></p> <p><i>Second: Lance Harvell</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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- *Sign warrants*

XIII. Adjourned without objection at 7:15.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

February 25, 2025 - 6:30pm - The Forum, MBC Campus

- *Board Reports - MBHS, FTC, School Nutrition*

March 11, 2025 - 6:30pm - The Forum, MBC Campus

- *Special Services, Technology*

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - March 4, 2025 - 5:00pm - The Holman House, District Office

Personnel & Finance - March 4, 2025, 2024 - 6:00pm - The Holman House, District Office

Educational Policy - March 4, 2025, 2024 - 7:00pm - The Holman House, District Office