

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

DATE: February 14, 2023

Place: The Forum

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb (entered at 6:35pm), Irv Faunce (left at 7:56pm), Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member), Elizabeth “Ella” Mayhew (Student Member)

Absent: None

Also present: James Black, Laura Columbia, Katie Duchesne, Chris Elkington, Jennifer Pooler, Melissa Williams, Tracy Williams

- I. Called to Order at 6:30pm
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. New Business Item E. has been removed from the agenda.
 - IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - Section P
 - B. Chair Coles invited Wayne Kinney to address the board and attendees - Wayne will not be seeking reelection. He thanked everyone for being good colleagues.
 - V. Communications
 - A. Freedom to Read in Maine Schools - [Position Statement](#)
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- VI. RSU 9 Good News stories - from the Board or Administrators
 - A. Abigail Goodspeed, student representative - Both Boys and Girls Alpine Skiing received first place at KVAC.
 - B. Supt Elkington thanked the maintenance team for their work and commitment to the district for taking care of a water situation during the cold snap a couple of weekends ago.
 - C. Melissa Williams, FTC Director - February is National Career and Technical Education Month - students have been celebrating by performing random acts of kindness at MBC and in the community.

VII. Public Comment

- A. John Trabucchi, Temple, spoke upon the justification and standard for allowing resources from Maine.org in our schools.
- B. Kathy Hinds, New Vineyard, shared comments regarding academic standing and reports on how US students perform compared to other countries.
- C. Alexander Creznic, Farmington, shared comments about the Freedom to Read in Maine Schools - [Position Statement](#) that was shared in Communications.
- D. Jennifer Pooler, New Sharon, thanked the board for their support during her employment.
- E. Robert Buicea, shared comments about the Freedom to Read in Maine Schools.
- F. Chris Elkington reported that the Unified Basketball Team had their first game today. Lots of cheering and happy noise could be heard at MBC after school!

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Field Trip Requests
- C. CCHS Principal Search
 - 1. Five families attended the in-person feedback session hosted by Superintendent Elkington and Director of Curriculum Laura Columbia last week. A survey will be distributed to gather more family input.
- D. Technology
 - 1. Ipad Buy Back Summer 2023
 - 2. Tech Training Coordinator Position

IX. Administrator Reports

A. [W.G. Mallett School](#) - Tracy Williams, Principal

1. A question was heard regarding school attendance levels. Many students have been out due to illness.
2. Another question was heard regarding discipline data and how that is going at WGM. As well as clarity on acronyms RTI (Response to Intervention) and CICO (Check In Check Out).
3. A question was asked regarding the amount of time it took to prepare the data and information.
4. A statement was given regarding the importance of Prek Education.

X. Presentations

A. Mt. Blue Wrestling Update - Michael Hansen, coach

1. Mr. Hansen coaches at MBMS and MBC - spoke to women's wrestling and the exciting changes that are happening across the nation.
2. The board will discuss the addition of Girl's Wrestling as a varsity-level sport through the same process used previously to approve sports.

XI. Consent Agenda

A. New Hires

B. Board Minutes from [January 24, 2023](#)

C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes

1. [Operations Committee](#) - February 7, 2023
2. [Personnel & Finance](#) - February 7, 2023
3. [Educational Policy](#) - February 7, 2023

<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, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion was heard.

XII. New Business

A. Field Trip Requests

1. [Week Zero Robotics Competition](#) - Feb. 18, 2023, Nashua, NH
2. [Week One Robotics Competition](#) - Mar. 3, 2023, Raynham HS, W. Springfield, MA

a) Review and Discussion

<i>Motion to approve the request as proposed.</i> <i>Motion to approve to combine both requests and approve in one vote.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)	Motion: Wayne Kinney Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

3. State Championship - Nordic Ski Event - Feb. 22 & 23, 2023 - Fort Kent, ME

a) Review and Discussion

<i>Motion to approve the request as proposed.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

B. Mt. Blue Middle School Bjorn Addition Layout - James Black, Mike Sealander

1. [Review](#) and Discussion
2. With approval, [Next Steps](#)

<p><i>Motion to approve the layout of the MBMS Bjorn addition as proposed and to go to bid.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: Chip Hinds Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:1 (960:0:41)</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed</p>
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Question regarding solar heat for this project as well as the roof pitch and the slope of the ground.

C. 2023-2024 Calendar Draft

1. [Review](#)
2. Questions
3. Discussion was heard to not break tradition by eliminating the early release day on September 20. Adjustments will be made and brought back to the board for final approval.

D. Policy Review

1. First reading of Board policies
 - a) [ACAC: Service Animals in Schools](#)
(1) Amend agenda to say Therapy Dogs in Schools
 - b) [JLF: Child Abuse Reporting, Prevention, and Education](#)

No further discussion was heard.
2. Review and Approval of Adjusted Board Policies with **minimal revisions** (one reading)
 - a) [IGA: Curriculum Development and Adoption](#)
 - b) [IHBAC: Child-Find](#)

<p><i>Motion to approve the Board policies listed above.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: Alexander</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed</p>
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	Creznic, Chip Hinds Vote: 14:0:2 (876:0:125)	
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No discussion was heard.

E. Removed from agenda - Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(A) to Assignment of Officials.

F. Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(A) Evaluation of Superintendent.

<i>Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss the evaluation of officials</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

Time entered: 7:56 pm

Time exited:

Irv Faunce departed at 7:56pm

XIII. Adjourn

<i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i>		Motion: Motion passed without objection
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Adjourned at

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

February 28, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - Adult Education, Special Services

March 14, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - Mt. Blue Middle School Athletics

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Operations - April 4, 2023 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
Personnel & Finance - April 4, 2023 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
Educational Policy - April 4, 2023 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus