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Board of Directors Board Meeting Agenda Minutes

DATE: February 24, 2026
PLACE: The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus
TIME: 6:30pm
LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

Board Members Present: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Lance Harvell, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Katie Martikke, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner

Board Members Absent: Debbie Smith, Amanda Caruso, Patty Hastings

Student Reps Present:

Student Reps Absent: Brynne Fournier, Reed Cousineau, Julian Reynolds, Rowan Shanti

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other Staff Present: Joel Smith, Galen Dalrymple, Stacey Gilbert, Nichole Goodspeed, Keith Acedo, James Black, Mike Hanson

- I. **Call to Order** - Chair Gwen Doak
 - A. Meeting called to order at 6:30

 - II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

 - III. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
 - A. None

 - IV. **Report of the Chairperson** - Chair Doak
 - A. [BCA - Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 1. "G & H"

 - V. **Communications**
 - A. [RSU 09 Comparability of Resources Title 1](#)

 - VI. **Good News Stories from the Board or Administrators**
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- A. Wayne Kinney was a judge for the county wide spelling bee. An RSU #9 student won and is heading to the state bee.
- B. MBHS/MBC-One more Sportsmanship Award-Boys' Alpine! Girls' Wrestling won the state title with three state champions.
- C. WGM-2026 Winter Olympics was celebrated school wide. It was an excellent learning experience for all students. They also held Winter Fun Day at Titcomb with an opportunity for fun, connections and new learning.

VII. Public Comment

- A. Policy [BEDH: Public Participation At Board Meetings](#)
 - 1. Ashley Henry-Industry
 - 2. Crystal Corcoran-Fayette

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Openings as of 2/24/2026
- C. Nominations for the Franklin County Teachers of the Year!
 - 1. Nominations can be made by anyone in the state of Maine by using a form and sharing a letter of support.
- D. February is Career & Technical Education (CTE) Month

IX. Administrator Reports

- A. [Foster CTE Center](#) - Director Dalrymple
 - 1. Director Dalrymple reviewed the highlights of his report.
 - 2. During MBC Parent Teacher Conferences on 4/9, FCTEC will offer new student orientation and acceptance night. Forestry is working at CBS and their skidder broke down; a dealer in NH offered a cable skidder with grapple for \$52,000. The purchase was approved by the FCTEC PAC.
 - 3. Apprenticeship program-working to continue for future years; there have been thirty apprenticeships so far.
 - 4. Certified Nursing Assistant Program can take two groups of 12 for year one with the second year students working in the field and taking college classes. There have been 57 applicants. Can we expand? Working through space issues and then finding an instructor are the challenges which make it difficult to expand.
 - 5. Other potential programs? Cosmetology, starting cyber security next year; Early Childhood, Metals and CNA could double but space is an issue.
- B. [Mt. Blue High School](#) - Principal Smith
 - 1. Principal Smith reviewed the highlights of his report.
 - a. He also distributed a letter from their BARR coach noting the commitment and implementation of the model in grade 10. Failure rates have dropped with a connection to the model.

- b. Impact of BARR on attendance? Anecdotally, it does show to have a positive impact. In addition, there is now an attendance committee that also follows the same format as a BARR model. What more can we do? Constant communication with families and school is the biggest key.
- c. Are staff members using data from previously identified at risk students? This is a starting point for sophomore strand assignments; goes into how teams are created. In addition, there are 8th to 9th grade conversations with school counseling, administrators and teachers to best understand our rising freshmen.
- d. Do we track students over time with attendance data? Yes, our PowerSchool systems allow for that.

X. Presentations

- None

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
- B. Board Minutes - [2/10/2026](#)
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 - 1. Operations Committee - None
 - 2. Personnel & Finance - None
 - 3. Educational Policy - None
- Motion/Vote

<p><i>Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Lance Harvell, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Katie Martikke, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner</p> <p>Nays:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Student Yeas:</p> <p>Student Nays:</p> <p>Student Abstain:</p> <p>830/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Josh Robbins</i> <i>Second: Angie LeClair</i> <i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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XII. New Business

- A. Field Trip
 - 1. [Quebec International Trip](#)
 - a. Discussion/Questions?

- a. \$1700 per student-ISP will cover \$150 for each student; two chaperones-13 students-this falls within our parameters; the organizer has much experience.
- Motion/Vote

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B. Grant - Principal Smith

1. 2025-26 Special Olympics Maine Unified Champion Schools Grant
 - a. Application due 2/28/2026
 - b. Grant is in process of being written; we will send a copy when it is complete and we are seeking permission prior to submission.
 - c. \$4000 would be used for supplies and leadership activities.
 - d. There is a coordinator stipend request in the special education budget request
2. Discussion/Questions?
 - Motion to accept the grant if received
 - Vote

<i>Motion to approve the grant as presented.</i>	<p>Yeas: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Lance Harvell, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Katie Martikke, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner</p> <p>Nays:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Student Yeas:</p> <p>Student Nays:</p> <p>Student Abstain:</p> <p>830/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Jeff Barnum</i></p> <p><i>Second: Angie LeClair</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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C. [Policy Work](#) -

1. Brand New (second of two readings)
 - a. [DIA DRAFT NEW Fund Balance](#)
 - b. [GBCC Draft Employee Use of Cell Phones](#)
 - c. Discussion/Questions

- a. Does this allow us to have a monthly basis to earn interest? Yes we think so. CE will check with AG

- Motion/Vote

<i>Motion to approve DIA as presented.</i>	<p>Yeas: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Lance Harvell, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Katie Martikke, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner</p> <p>Nays:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Student Yeas:</p> <p>Student Nays:</p> <p>Student Abstain:</p> <p>830/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Wayne Kinney</i> <i>Second: Lance Harvell</i> <i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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<i>Motion to approve GBCC as presented.</i>	<p>Yeas: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Lance Harvell, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Katie Martikke, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner</p> <p>Nays:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Student Yeas:</p> <p>Student Nays:</p> <p>Student Abstain:</p> <p>830/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Wayne Kinney</i> <i>Second: Lance Harvell</i> <i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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XIII. Executive Session

- A. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) - For the purpose of discussing Economic Development
 - Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) - For the purpose of discussing economic development

<i>Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing economic development.</i>	<p>Yeas: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Lance Harvell, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Katie Martikke, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner</p> <p>Nays:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Student Yeas:</p> <p>Student Nays:</p> <p>Student Abstain:</p> <p>830/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Rich Ruhlin</i> <i>Second: Jeff Barnum</i> <i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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Exited Executive Session at 8:01.

- B. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) - For the purpose of discussing settlement negotiations
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Exited Executive Session at 8:05.

XIV. Adjourned without objection at 8:05.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - 6:30pm - The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

- *Board Reports - McKinney Vento/FESS, Adult Education, Athletics*
- **Tentative** *Presentation Schedule (to be determined at the 3/9/26 Budget Comm. Mtg.*
 - *Proposed FY27 Budget*

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 - 6:30pm - The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

- *Board Reports - Special Services, Technology, Transportation*
 - *Tentative Presentation Schedule*
 - *TBD*

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - 6:30pm - The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

Board Reports - AHS, GDCS, CCHS

- *Tentative Presentation Schedule*
 - *TBD*

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS -

Operations - March 3, 2026 - 5:00pm - The Holman House, District Office

Personnel & Finance - March 3, 2026, - 6:00pm - The Holman House, District Office

Educational Policy - March 3, - 7:00pm - 8:15pm - The Holman House, District Office

NEXT SCHEDULED BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thursday, February, 26, 2026 - 6:00pm - The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

Thursday, March 5, 2026 - 6:00pm - The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

Monday, March 9, 2026 - 6:00pm - The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus