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Board of Directors Board Meeting Agenda - draft minutes

DATE: February 25, 2025

PLACE: Mt. Blue Campus Forum

TIME: 6:30pm

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

Members present: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Lance Harvell, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Gerry Provencher, Josh Robbins, Dee Robinson, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner

Members absent: Amanda Caruso, Katie Martikke, Rich Ruhlin

Student members present: Adeline Colello, Julian Reynolds, Rowan Shanti

Student members absent: Brielle Tinker

Staff present: Chris Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other staff members present: Galen Dalrymple, Lana Swett, Chris Davis, Keith Acedo, Joel Smith, Greg Henderson

- I. **Call to Order** - Chair Robinson
 - 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 Robinson
 - A. [Code of Ethics](#)
 1. G & H

 - V. **Communications**
 - A. None
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VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators

- A. Debbie Smith relayed that she presented the staff members of the month awards. She also shared that she visited the renovated MBMS gym and was very impressed. In addition, she acknowledged Mary Redmond Luce for her presentation regarding the Ingalls School in Weld.
- B. The Nordic ski teams won the States and received the sportsmanship awards!
- C. Henri McCourt has been recognized as a National Merit Scholarship finalist.
- D. The Unified Basketball season has begun. Mt. Blue TV broadcasted today's game.

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. ESSER Final Budget #'s
 - 1. Shout out to Deb Lajoie for her work on all the ESSER grants.
- D. FY 25 PreK Subsidy Adjustment
 - 1. This will result in a reduction in subsidy for the next five months.
- E. MBMS Bjorn Center Culinary Classroom Update
 - 1. Savings were realized due to adjustment to equipment.

IX. Administrator Reports

- A. [Foster CTE](#) - Director Galen Dalrymple
 - 1. Galen shared that 462 students have applied to programs to date, with 245 in Exploratory across all sending school districts.
 - 2. Middle School Robotics tournament at MBC-35 teams from around the state; 250 students competed; FCTEC Robotics Club hosted and the day was fantastic with a total of \$2860 raised.
 - 3. Commercial Driver training at Region 9-Four are enrolled and two students have passed the written exam which allows them to be on the road practicing driving.
 - a. A question about how we accommodate student selections was asked.
- B. [MBHS](#) - Principal Joel Smith
 - 1. MBC27 continues the work of partnership and collaboration.
 - 2. BARR visitor-Dick Ungar-Visit went well. There were lots of commendations with the suggestion to better partner with parents.

3. Hall of Fame-James Black and Cyndi Pratt lead this outstanding community event, which is in essence a multi generational class reunion. It went extremely well again this year.

X. Presentations

- A. None

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
 1. Melissa Williams had shared she was retiring in a letter to the Board and Superintendent Elkington talked about the multiple positive efforts she had made over her tenure, including an increase in programing options by about a 3rd.
- B. Board Minutes - [02/11/2025](#)
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 1. Operations Committee - None
 2. Personnel & Finance - None
 3. Educational Policy - None
- D. Motion/Vote

<i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented</i>	<p>Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Gerry Provencher, Dee Robinson</p> <p>Nays:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Student Yeas: Julian Reynolds Rowan Shanti, Adeline Colello</p> <p>Student Nays:</p> <p>Student Abstain:</p> <p>842/0/0</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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XII. New Business

- A. Administrative Hiring Timelines
 1. W.G. Mallett School Principal
 2. Foster Career & Technical Education Center Director
 3. Review
 - a. Superintendent Elkington reviewed the proposed details.
 4. Discussion
 - a. Galen Dalrymple is the Interim Director at this time.
 - b. If you are interested in serving on either committee, let Christian or Dee know.
 5. Motion/Vote for both

<p><i>Motion to approve the WGMS & FTC Hiring Timelines as presented</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Gerry Provencher, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Student Yeas: Julian Reynolds Rowan Shanti, Adeline Colello Student Nays: Student Abstain: 842/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Wayne Kinney Second: Lance Harvell Motion: Passed</i></p>
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B. Field Trips:

1. [Bridge Field Trip](#)

a. Review

(1) Interim Assistant Director Lana Swett explained the field trip. There is no cost to RSU #9. In years past, students went on more significant trips every other year. Due to finances, this is a one day trip.

b. Discussion/Questions

(1) How many additional classes/college courses do students take? Four college classes including but not limited to Social Studies, Science, and English.

- Motion/Vote

<p><i>Motion to approve the Field Trip as presented</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Gerry Provencher, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Student Yeas: Julian Reynolds Rowan Shanti, Adeline Colello Student Nays: Student Abstain: 842/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Scott Erb Second: Lance Harvell Motion: Passed</i></p>
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2. [Chicago Field Trip](#)

a. Review

b. Discussion/Questions

- Motion/Vote

<p><i>Motion to approve the Field Trip as presented</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Gerry Provencher, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Student Yeas: Julian Reynolds Rowan Shanti, Adeline Colello</p>	<p><i>Motion: Wayne Kinney Second: Josh Robbins Motion: Passed</i></p>
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C. Policy Work

1. Replacements (second of two readings)

- a. BDD Board Superintendent Relationship
(1) [BDD Replace with MSBA Sample Policy](#)
- b. BDF Advisory Committee to Board
(1) [Replace with MSBA Sample Policy](#) - Replacement in full
- c. Discussion/Questions?
(1) It is a full replacement and so no strikethroughs. This is a total revision.
- d. Motion/Vote to approve as a group

<i>Motion to approve the Policies as Written</i>	Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Gerry Provencher, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Student Yeas: Julian Reynolds Rowan Shanti, Adeline Colello Student Nays: Student Abstain: 842/0/0	Motion: Scott Erb Second: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed
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2. Major Revisions (second of two readings)

- a. [BE School Board Meetings](#)
- b. Discussion/Questions
(1) Second sentence, the policy had been that the board would cancel regular meetings and that was never followed, this now reflects what actually happens.
- c. Motion/Vote

<i>Motion to approve the Policy as Written</i>	Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Debbie Smith, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Gerry Provencher, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Student Yeas: Julian Reynolds Rowan Shanti, Adeline Colello Student Nays: Student Abstain: 842/0/0	Motion: Dina Spenciner Second: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed
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3. Eliminations

- a. [BE-R Adjournment of Board Meeting](#)
(1) Incorporate into BE

- b. [BEC Executive Sessions](#)
(1) Covered under BE, with suggested new language
- c. [BEDC Quorum](#)
(1) Add into BE & eliminate
- d. [BEC-E Executive Session Law](#)
(1) Repeats what's in Statute
- e. [JJB-R Student Social Events Regulations](#)
(1) Covered in JJB and facility use procedures
- f. Discussion/Questions?
- g. Motion/Vote to eliminate as a group

<i>Motion to approve eliminating the above Policies</i>	<p>Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Gerry Provencher, Dee Robinson</p> <p>Nays:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Student Yeas: Julian Reynolds Rowan Shanti, Adeline Colello</p> <p>Student Nays:</p> <p>Student Abstain:</p> <p>819/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Lance Harvell</i> <i>Second: Wayne Kinney</i> <i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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D. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(B) - For the purpose of discussing a student disciplinary matter

- *Motion to go into* Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(B) - For the purpose of discussing a student disciplinary matter

<i>Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of a student disciplinary matter</i>	<p>Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Gerry Provencher, Dee Robinson</p> <p>Nays:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Student Yeas: Julian Reynolds Rowan Shanti, Adeline Colello</p> <p>Student Nays:</p> <p>Student Abstain:</p> <p>819/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Lance Harvell</i> <i>Second: Josh Robbins</i> <i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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- Exited executive session at 8:30
- Motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes

<i>Motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes</i>	<p>Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Gerry Provencher, Dee Robinson</p> <p>Nays:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Student Yeas: Adeline Colello</p> <p>Student Nays:</p> <p>Student Abstain:</p> <p>842/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Gwen Doak</i> <i>Second: Wayne Kinney</i> <i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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- Motion to go back into Executive session

<p><i>Motion to return to Executive Session for the purpose of a student disciplinary matter</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Gerry Provencher, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Student Yeas: Adeline Colello Student Nays: Student Abstain: 842/0/0 (Debbie did not participate)</p>	<p><i>Motion: Gwen Doak Second: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed</i></p>
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- Exited executive session at 8:39.
- Motion for disciplinary action

<p><i>Motion to expel a student from MBHS.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Gerry Provencher, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Student Yeas: Student Nays: Student Abstain: 819/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Josh Robbins Second: Jeff Barnum Motion: Passed</i></p>
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E. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) - For the purpose of discussing Labor Contract Negotiations with the Administrative Association

- *Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) - For the purpose of discussing Labor Contract Negotiations with the Administrative Association*

<p><i>Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing labor contract negotiations with the Administrative Association</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Gerry Provencher, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Student Yeas: Student Nays: Student Abstain: 819/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Lance Harvell Second: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed</i></p>
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- Exited Executive Session at 8:50
- Motion to Approve the 2025-2028 Administrator CBA

<p><i>Motion to approve the 2025-2028 Administrator Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Josh Robbins, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Jeff Barnum, Gerry Provencher Student Yeas: Student Nays: Student Abstain: 702/0/117</p>	<p><i>Motion: Gloria McGraw Second: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed</i></p>
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F. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) - For the purpose of consultations between school unit and its attorney

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<p><i>Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of consultations between school unit and its attorney</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Wayne Kinney, Scott Erb, Josh Robbins, Jeff Barnum, Gloria McGraw, Lance Harvell, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Gwen Doak, Dina Spenciner, Gerry Provencher, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Student Yeas: Student Nays: Student Abstain: 819/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Wayne Kinney Second: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed</i></p>
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XIII. Exited Executive Session at 8:55.

XIV. Adjourned without objection at 8:56.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

PUBLIC HEARING - March 11, 2025 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

March 11, 2025 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- *Special Services, Technology, School Nutrition*

March 25, 2025 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- *Adult Education, Transportation, Athletics*

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