

# MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## Educational Policy Committee

### Agenda Minutes

February 3, 2026 | 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

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**Members Present:** Wayne Kinney, Patty Hastings, Katie Martikke, Dina Spenciner, Lance Harvell

**Members Absent:**

**Other Members Present:** Gwen Doak

**Staff Present:** Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin

**Other Staff Present:** Joel Smith, Lisa Dalrymple, Jaime Dalrymple, Patti Millette, Jake Bogar

#### I. Call Meeting to Order - Chair Kinney

A. Called to order at 7:08.

#### II. Previous Committee Minutes - [1.6.2026](#)

A. Approved at the 1.13.26 Board Meeting

#### III. Updates

A. Grant Awards - Poulin

1. Tina Davis-Retired Educators' Grant-\$300 for student musical at CBS

#### IV. New - Chair Kinney

A. Curriculum Presentation - Poulin & Sci. Curriculum Committee members

1. [Sci Curriculum Update](#)

2. Review/Questions

a. Jaime Dalrymple gave an overview of the work to date. Patti Millette, Jake Bogar and Joel Smith also contributed by clarifying some of the details and adding further context and information about the process and next steps.

b. Appreciation was shared with those present and with the rest of the committee for their work and commitment.

B. [Dual Diploma](#) Poulin, Dalrymple, & Smith

1. Review

a. Lisa Dalrymple reviewed the proposal and took questions.

2. Questions

a. Following somewhat the same plan as we did with a Chinese School.

3. Vote

- a. The proposal was unanimously supported and will be sent to the full board for a vote.
  - C. [District communication support & planning](#) - Elkington
    - 1. Review
      - a. The super determined that the district needed extra support during some difficulties the district experienced this past fall and so investigated and hired this company to assist us.
    - 2. Next steps
      - a. Will be paid for through this budget year.
      - b. A communications audit will be completed to assist us with creating improved transparency and a communications plan for RSU 9.
    - 3. Questions
  - D. FOAA Data - Elkington
    - 1. We have averaged between 3-5 requests the last two years.
    - 2. The superintendent is worried that the changes made in the law a couple of years ago have the potential to swamp districts.
    - 3. So far we have been ok with the time needed.
- V. **[25-26 Policy Work \(Starts no later than 7:45 pm\)](#)** - Elkington
  - A. Policy Folders
    - 1. Discussion for Possible Revisions
      - a. [BEDH-Rev-3 Public Participation at meetings2024](#)
      - b. Review/Discussion/Questions
        - i. Superintendent Elkington reviewed the draft language.
        - ii. The committee members discussed the proposed language.
        - iii. Maybe there can be an update in the Superintendent's Report for any requests that are made in Public Comment at the next meeting if there is a response that can be shared which doesn't break confidentiality?
        - iv. Are board members considered school unit employees?
          - No, their role is different, not like staff under a negotiated contract
          - Board members and the superintendent can be specifically named in Public Comment.
      - c. Will continue the discussion at the March meeting.
    - 2. Review (Few (doesn't change intent) or no Changes)
      - a. [DLB-Draft Rev. Elective-Deferrals](#)
      - b. [DO-E MB Trust-Fund-Form](#)
      - c. [GAB-Job-Descriptions](#)
      - d. [JHD Exclusions And Exemptions From Physical Education](#)
      - Review/Questions

- i. Minimal changes
  - Vote to review only
    - i. Unanimous to move forward as review only.
- 3. ~~Major~~ Revisions
  - a. [DO- Draft Rev Trust-Funds](#)
    - Review/Questions
      - i. Superintendent Elkington reviewed the policy
    - Vote to move to full Board for one reading
      - i. Unanimous to move forward for one reading.
- 4. Brand New
  - a. [DIA DRAFT NEW Fund Balance](#)
    - i. The auditors shared that this is required and so was not sent to Personnel & Finance. Super will inform them.
    - ii. Correct “percent” instead of %.
  - b. [GBCC Draft Employee Use of Cell Phones](#)
    - i. Remove “School administrators may confiscate and search a device when there is reasonable suspicion that an employee has violated this policy and that the device contains evidence of the violation.”
    - ii. Remove “or” and “other” from the fourth line in paragraph #3.
  - c. [GCFA Draft Employee Social Media Privacy](#)-TABLE
  - d. [GCSB Draft Employee Use of Social Media](#)-TABLE
    - Review/Questions
    - Vote to move to full Board for two readings
      - i. For policies DIA & GBCC only
      - ii. Further work is required on others.
- 5. Eliminate
  - a. [GA-Personnel-Goals-Priority-Objectives](#)
  - b. [IC Length of School Year](#)
  - c. [IHAE-Physical-Education](#)
  - d. [IIB-Class-Size](#)
    - Review/Questions
    - Vote to move all to the full Board for one Reading to eliminate
      - i. Consensus to move forward to the board for one reading.

**VI. Next Mtg.** March 3, 2026

**VII. Adjourned at 8:20.**

**VIII. Future Agenda Items -**