

MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Operations Committee

Agenda Minutes

February 3, 2026 | 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

Members Present: Greg Kimber, Gerald Provencher, Debbie Smith, Angie Leclair

Members Absent: Scott Erb

Other Members Present: Gwen Doak, Jeff Barnum

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin, Nicole Ibarguen

Other Staff Present:

1. Call Meeting to Order -

- a. Vice Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

2. Previous Committee Minutes- [1/6/2026](#) - Chair Erb

- a. Approved at 1/13/2026 Board meeting
- b. Questions?
 - i. None.

3. Work Progress - Operations Supervisor Ibarguen

- a. [FY26](#)
 - i. Review
 1. RSU #9 has made it through the challenging cold weather with no major issues to this point.
 2. Supervisor Ibarguen reviewed the work progress to date on the document.
 - ii. Building Specific FYIs?
 1. AHS/Cushing
 2. Adult Ed
 - a. Quote in FY27 budget for safety issues.
 3. CBS
 4. CCHS
 5. Mallett
 6. MBMS
 7. MBC

4. Updates - Ibarguen

- a. Staff Openings
 - i. AHS-part-time school year only custodian
- b. Board Member tours
 - i. [Signup sheet](#)
 - 1. Mallett and MBMS in February
 - 2. Need to reschedule CCHS in March.
- c. Staff Health & Facilities Team
 - i. New name
 - 1. Minimizing confusion between the two safety committees.
 - 2. Workplace Safety Committee (adjusted new name)
 - a. Posters are placed around the buildings to report potential safety concerns.
 - ii. Mapping Services change
 - 1. Will go out to bid
 - a. A plan had been in place with R.J. Goan, but the quote did not cover all we expected.
 - b. We declined the quote and will now go out to bid.
 - c. Fire Marshalls' Office-There is a national standard for what the mapping should look like. It would be worth following up with them.
 - d. We have allocated \$68,000.
 - e. RFP will be sent out within the next week.
- d. MSMA Risk and Safety Manager visit
 - i. [Reports by Building](#)
 - 1. The most common issues have been identified and addressed (blocking egress and extension cords).
 - 2. AHS should be prioritized in any major project due to their lack of a sprinkler system.
 - 3. We need to ensure the prioritization of LED lights when we replace them.
 - ii. Top ten recommendations
- e. School Revolving Renovation Funds
 - i. Pending approval
 - 1. We did not receive funding this time around. We will submit to the next round and will also add a project for a sprinkler system at AHS.
- f. Building Infrastructure Management Systems (BIMS)
 - i. [Energy Savings Audit Application Final 12.1.25](#)
 - ii. Application Status
 - 1. Pending; District to determine decision on Investment Energy Audit then to sign document.

5. New - Ibarguen

- a. School Lighting Retrofits
 - i. Efficiency Maine-LED funding is available. Met with IEC and Gilman today, and they will tour the schools in February. We will submit the application for CBS,

AHS and CCHS. Money savings in efficiency and energy, as well as maintenance.

b. MBMS Co2 Updates

i. [Mount Blue Middle Co2 Control 2026](#)

1. Plan

a. Our Building Automation System at MBMS does not cover the entire building and therefore we would like to proceed with this plan.

2. Paid from where?

a. \$5500 paid from repair/maintenance plan at MBMS.

ii. Questions

1. The system already covers temperature and will also add a three week log.

iii. Motion/Vote

1. Gerry Provencher made a motion and Greg seconded it. Unanimous vote.

6. Next Mtg. March 3, 2026

7. Adjourned at 5:35 pm

8. Future Agenda Items

- Sprinkler system
- Safety contractor (fire extinguisher, hoods vendor) - RFP
- Foster Tech Project work in RSU 9
- Sprinkler system at AHS
 - Are there funds to support this at the state level?
 - Figures from Maine Bond Bank
- Climate change concerns and adjustments for schools
 - Start the conversation and brainstorm with principals about possible temperature needs
- AHS & Mallett signage
 - More directional signage at both buildings
- Ten Year Maintenance Plan
 - [Building Assessments](#)
 - [Projects already completed](#)