

Mt. Blue Regional School District

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Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA MINUTES

DATE: March 12, 2024

PLACE: The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

TIME: 6:30pm

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

In attendance: Debbie Smith, Libby Kaut, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Janice David, Will Jones, Josh Robbins, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson, Carol Coles, Gloria McGraw

Student reps present: Addie Collelo, Brielle Tinker

Absent: Amanda Caruso

Student reps absent: Abbey Goodspeed

Staff present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other staff present: Joel Smith, Nichole Goodspeed, Doug Hodum

I. Call to Order - Chair Robinson

A. The meeting was 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](#) - I & J

V. Communications

A. RSU 9 Superintendent's Newsletter - [3-1-2024](#)

B. Tech Talk - [March 2024](#)

C. A communication was sent to the Chair and Superintendent on behalf of some high school students related to recycling. This area will start to be discussed at the next Operations Committee meeting.

VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators

A. Congratulations to Rich Ruhlin, Industry board rep, who was re-elected!

B. MBHS-Shout out to Patti Millette and Kerry Schlosser for organizing and implementing a Climate Workshop for the freshman class last week. There

were many excellent speakers and presenters, to include an MBHS graduate.

- C. Congratulations to Katie Martikke, the new Starks board rep!
- D. Wilderness First Aid training in Outdoor Leadership has been a wonderful learning experience.
- E. Congratulations to Gerald “Gerry” Provencher, the new New Sharon board rep!

VII. Public Comment

- A. Rich Wilde-Invitation to Lewiston this Saturday where the Blue Crew will be competing in their only event in Maine! Also, on Saturday night, there will be three plays at MBHS/MBC, which will include staff.

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. District Vacancies
 - 1. These openings are mostly unchanged from the last report. We will be starting to add future positions for the 24-25 school year.
- C. Attendance Update
 - 1. This continues to be our focus in RSU #9 with a bit of a decline this past month which may be due to illness. The admin team will be reevaluating some possible family-focus attention.
- D. Personal Safety Training Begins
- E. Inclusive Meals Grant Update
 - 1. Will this commit us to future funds going forward? This relates to the possible kitchen expansion, and other start up funds may come from the School Nutrition balance and will not impact district level funding.
- F. CDC Shortens Covid Isolation Period
 - 1. This updated information was sent out via Bright Arrow, and we are working to fix the incorrect link.

IX. Administrator Reports

- ~~A. Special Services (Postponed to 3/26/24)~~

X. Presentations

- A. None

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
- B. Board Minutes - [2-27-2024](#)
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 - 1. Operations Committee - None

- 2. Personnel & Finance - [3-5-2024](#)
- 3. Educational Policy - [3-5-2024](#)

- D. Motion
- E. Vote

<p><i>Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Debbie Smith, Libby Kaut, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Janice David, Will Jones, Josh Robbins, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson, Carol Coles, Gloria McGraw Student Yeas: Brielle Tinker, Addie Collelo Nays: Student Nays: Abstained: Vote:927/0/0</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Rich Ruhlin Motion: Passed</p>
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XII. New Business

A. Policy Review

1. Basic Updates & Changes (One Reading)

a) [ADA](#) District Goals and Objectives

(1) A concern was shared with the last line in policy due to lack of specificity regarding the timeframe for the review cycle. “The Board will regularly evaluate progress toward meeting the goals and will adopt appropriate policies designed to facilitate their accomplishment.”

(a) There was varied input

(b) This has been incorporated into the superintendent’s annual evaluation process. Maybe add “annually”?

(2) Motion to change “regularly” to “annually” made by Josh Robbins, and seconded by Rich Ruhlin. Friendly amendment-the board will annually in the spring, evaluate progress toward meeting the goals toward meeting their accomplishment. Unanimous Friendly amendment by Rich Seconded by Josh, unanimous.

<p><i>Motion to approve ADA with friendly amendment change.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Debbie Smith, Libby Kaut, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Janice David, Will Jones, Josh Robbins, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson, Carol Coles, Gloria McGraw Student Yeas: Brielle Tinker, Addie Collelo Nays: Student Nays: Abstained: Vote:951/0/0</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Janice David Motion: Passed</p>
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- b) [ILD](#) Ed Research: Student Submission to Surveys, Analyses or Evaluations
- c) [JICBA](#) Student Debt & Obligations
(1) Questions?
- d) Motion
- e) Vote

<p><i>Motion to approve policies ILD and JICBA as written.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Debbie Smith, Libby Kaut, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Janice David, Will Jones, Josh Robbins, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson, Carol Coles, Gloria McGraw Student Yeas: Brielle Tinker, Addie Collelo Nays: Student Nays: Abstained: Vote:951/0/0</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Janice David Motion: Passed</p>
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2. Major Updates (First of 2 Readings)

- a) **JFABD - MB Admission of Homeless Students**
 - (1) **Present Policy**
 - (a) Policy & procedure are together
 - (2) Suggested separation
 - (a) **JFABD** Admission of Homeless Students
 - (b) **JFABD-R** Admission of Homeless Students
- Procedure
- (i) Questions?
 - (a) Please be in touch with Gwen with any questions or concerns.
 - (ii) Suggested changes? - None

B. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Appointment of Officials

- *Motion to go into* Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Appointment of Officials
 - Vote

<p><i>Motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Appointment of Officials</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Debbie Smith, Libby Kaut, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Janice David, Will Jones, Josh Robbins, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson, Carol Coles, Gloria McGraw Student Yeas: Brielle Tinker, Addie Collelo Nays: Student Nays: Abstained: Vote:951/0/0</p>	<p>Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Jeff Barnum Motion: Passed</p>
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Entered Executive Session at 6:55.

Exited Executive Session at 7:08.

C. Mt. Blue High School Principal Nomination

- Motion to appoint, Joel Smith, as the Principal of MBHS for the 2024-2025 School Year
 - Vote

<p><i>Motion to Nominate, Joel Smith, as the Principal of MBHS for the 2024-2025 School Year</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Debbie Smith, Libby Kaut, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Janice David, Will Jones, Josh Robbins, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson, Carol Coles, Gloria McGraw Student Yeas: Nays: Student Nays: Abstained: Vote:951/0/0</p>	<p>Motion: Josh Robbins Seconded: Jeff Barnum Motion: Passed</p>
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XIII. Adjourn

A. Adjourn without objection at 7:11

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

March 26, 2024 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - Special Services, MBHS Athletics, School Nutrition,

April 9, 2024 6:00pm (Community Forum) & 7:00pm (Board Meeting) - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - CBS, Foster Tech, Transportation

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - April 2, 2024 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - April 2, 2024 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - April 2, 2024 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus