

# MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## Operations Committee

### Agenda Minutes

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

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

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

**Members Absent:**

**Other Members Present:** Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak

**Staff Present:** Monique Poulin, Alison Gamache, Nicole Ibarguen, Chris Elkington (remote)

**Other Staff Present:**

**1. Call Meeting to Order** - Chair Erb

- a. Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

**2. Previous Committee Minutes-** [2/3/2026](#) - Chair Erb

- a. Approved at 2/10/2026 Board meeting
- b. Questions? None

**3. Work Progress** - Operations Supervisor Ibarguen

a. [FY26](#)

i. Review updated sheets

- 1. \$206K moved to FY26

ii. Building Specific FYIs?

1. AHS/Cushing

a. AHS intercom has been updated.

b. AHS air conditioners and sprinkler system? Nicole will research.

c. Cushing

- i. Moved FY28 landscaping

d. AHS Flooring

- i. FY26

e. GDC Gym Doors

- i. FY26

f. Tactile tiles for drinking fountains will be updated across the district.

2. Adult Ed

- a. No updates

3. CBS

- a. Lots of projects have been identified and moved as part of the 10 year plan - appreciate the work from board committee members
  - b. Purchased service moved to contracted services - circulator pump where it should be charged to.
4. CCHS
- a. Moved to another year
    - i. Carpet
    - ii. Boys Bathroom update
    - iii. Gym Doors
  - b. Why do outside doors need to be replaced? Salt application to stairs and walkways in the winter is the issue. Nicole is looking into preventative maintenance for outside doors next year.
5. Mallett
- a. Sealander assessment - has completed and we should have it soon.
    - i. FY27 sign replacement
6. MBMS
- a. Doors are to be replaced over spring break.
    - i. Used Purchased Service funds and are moving one set to the FY27 Budget and plan.
7. MBC
- a. "Chicken breaker" cost to be split with FCTEC. It could be a **life safety issue**. IEC has sent a quote to update, with upgrade no later than this summer.
8. Bus Garage
- a. Up to date

#### 4. Updates - Ibarguen

- a. Staff Openings
  - i. None at this time - needs sub custodians and drivers
- b. Board Member tours
  - i. [Signup sheet](#)
  - ii. February 26th tours moved to March 26th due to Budget Committee Meeting.
  - iii. CCHS still needs to be rescheduled for sometime in March.
- c. Ten year plan progress and review?
  - i. Set-up
    - 1. Workbook planning by the sub committee for review helps create plans for upcoming projects - completed projects moved to another sheet.
    - 2. Has a decision been made yet to reroute student traffic to alleviate traffic on the gym floor at AHS? Nicole will be sitting with Principal Acedo about next steps. Possible barriers and mats could be key to keep the floor protected.

- 3. Can we have Wilton Rec help pay for upkeep of the gym floor? We will follow up.
  - ii. Are there some general findings or surprises?
    - 1. Lots of work to be done. More than originally expected but thanks to the committee more progress will occur.
  - iii. Next steps?
    - 1. Prioritize and move forward
- d. RFP Timelines
  - i. Mapping Services
    - 1. Mike Sealander may be a better option. They provided floor plans of every building - evacuation routes in PDF right now but another option may be available.
  - ii. Sprinkler, Extinguishers, Hoods
    - 1. Concerns from committee - Have not had a chance to look at other options. Will update at the next meeting.
- e. School Revolving Renovation Fund Grant Worksheet
  - i. What does it tell us?
    - 1. We did not receive a lot of points (39 points out of 100 on rubric).
    - 2. Need to study the process more to see what we can do to have a more favorable outcome.
- f. Building Infrastructure Management Systems (BIMS)
  - i. [Energy Savings Audit Application Final 12.1.25](#)
  - ii. Application Status - on hold
  - iii. Next Steps?

## 5. New - Ibarguen

- a. School Lighting Retrofits
  - i. Efficiency Maine was here to assess over Feb. Break (AHS, CBS, CCHS)
  - ii. Next Steps? Waiting to see what we will qualify for.
- b. [Governor's Commission on School Construction Issues Final Report](#)
- c. [School Facilities - Governors Commission on School Construction - Final Report - 2.20.2026](#)
  - i. Major findings?
    - 1. Committee being created at the state level to provide leadership around facilities management - no plan at state level at this time.
  - ii. State's next steps?
    - 1. Looking for more funding to be available to schools through SRRF and flexibility to guidelines.
    - 2. Procurement services to help individual schools through the process.
    - 3. Utilizing data and multi-year planning protocol for future funding.

## 6. Next Mtg. April 7, 2026

## 7. Adjourned at 5:45PM

## 8. Future Agenda Items

- RFP for Sprinkler, Extinguishers, Hoods maintenance
- 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](#)