

# MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## Operations Committee

### Agenda - Minutes

March 4, 2025 | 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

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**Members Present:** Amanda Caruso, Scott Erb, Gerald Provencher, Debbie Smith

**Members Absent:** Lance Harvell

**Other Members Present:** Dee Robinson, Jeff Barnum

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

**Other Staff Present:** Nicole Ibarguen

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Chair Erb
  - a. Called to order at 5:02
2. **Previous Committee Minutes-** [02/04/2025](#) - Chair Erb
  - a. Questions?
    - i. None
3. **Updates** - Ibarguen
  - a. Work progress
    - i. [FY 25 Operations & Building Projects](#)
      1. Review
        - a. Work orders-89 completed in February
        - b. No new projects due to the budget freeze
      2. District-wide winter heating/leak issues
        - a. Many issues have been mitigated.
        - b. There were questions about manholes and safety plans. MBMS has one and the fire department is lined up as support.
    - b. Preventative Maintenance contract for 25-26
      - i. Need to do this
        1. Encompasses all heating and A/C systems.
        2. Some Specialty Services expenses for repairs and service calls could be recouped.
      - ii. Looking for reductions to make this happen
        1. Alison and Nicole are looking at ways to support this financially.
        2. There will be reductions in hours for two part time employees that will free up \$45,000.
      - iii. Vote?
        1. All in support.
    - c. 10 Yr Planning Committee
      - i. Progress?
        1. Meeting at AHS tomorrow and will finish up MBMS and discuss Cushing and AHS.
        2. School needs and Sealander reports are reviewed for each building.
      - ii. MBMS Tech network room update?
        1. It is located in a closet with a heat pump which is necessary to cool equipment.
        2. Sealander made note of this as a concern due to lack of parts availability. \$15,000 to replace.

d. Schools

i. AHS

1. Leak

- a. Roof drain and ice build up-all set.

ii. MBMS

1. Basement

- a. Univents are going in locker rooms and are being delivered this week. Specialty Services will start the work, but we cannot shut the heat off at this time to complete it. Maybe over April vacation? Pipe replacement is not fully covered by insurance. We do not want to have them put faulty/leaking equipment in, and so we need to look at funding this expense at \$15,000. All in support of using reserve funds (or other areas) to fund this.

2. Culinary space

- a. Equipment ordered w/ approximately \$31,000 paid by School Nutrition and \$21,000 paid by the district.  
b. Punch list was reviewed.  
c. Water hook up was a concern. Specialty Services found that a valve was stuck and corroded. As soon as it was fixed the hot water (building wide) was resolved. Now, School Nutrition does not need a booster.

3. Kitchen expansion

- a. Chef Andy has been working with Taylor Construction. Groundbreaking will be soon.

4. Federal funds update

iii. MBHS

1. Gym

- a. No roof issues currently.  
b. Roof drains were cleared last week. G and E did some repairs previously and they seem to be working.  
c. We do have maintenance contracts for all roofs.

iv. CCHS

1. Leach field

- a. Final #  
i. \$209,500-which is well below what we had anticipated (\$250,000).  
b. Timeline of work next steps?  
i. Road postings will be a hurdle. There appears to be no waiver for Cape Cod Hill Road or Route 134 which will be allowed. Taylor can bring materials in early (early morning and night) for storage. When tree clearing is done, they can begin the work.  
c. Still pumping every ten days.

4. Next Mtg. ~~April 1, 2025~~ May 6, 2025

5. Adjourned at 5:46.

6. Future Agenda Items

- Ten Year Maintenance Plan
  - [Building Assessments](#)
  - [Projects already completed](#)