***Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors***

**Minutes**

**DATE: April 27, 2017**

**Place: The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**In attendance:** Jennifer Zweig Hebert, Betsey Hyde, ~~Nancy Crosby (E)~~, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Richard Hargreaves, Cherieann Harrison, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, ~~Ryan Morgan (E)~~, Robert Patterson, Jennifer Pooler, Iris Silverstein, Craig Stickney, Keith Swett, Helen Wilkey, and Griffin Mayhew.

**Also present:** Bruce Mochamer, ~~Jason Bellerose~~, Nichole Goodspeed, Tracy Williams, Darlene Paine, Keith Acedo, ~~Melissa Williams~~, ~~Andy Hutchins~~, Glenn Kapiloff, Jonathan Chalmers, Christine Gatto Shea

1. Call to Order by Jennifer Zweig Hebert at 6:06 p.m.
2. Pledge
3. Consideration of the meeting minutes of April 25, 2017

Motion to approve: Doug Dunlap Seconded: Scott Erb

Vote: Unanimous in Favor (853)

 IV. Report of the Chairperson

1. Good news stories from Board/Admin

Christine Gatto Shea introduced Corey Walmer, a social worker at MBC, who shared news about the Mental Health Week May 1- May 5. A group has organized a variety of events to celebrate this week, with a variety of providers coming in and setting up to speak with high school students; Saturday 5/6, there will be a Walk-a-Thon and the first 250 participants will receive a t-shirt. There is also free ice cream donated by Giffords. Corey shared flyers with the board.

Bruce Mochamer shared that it is prom season. The junior class presented the prom fashion show during the lunch shifts to demonstrate the free prom clothes that are available for students.

 V. Old Business

1. Personnel

 New Hire-FYI

 Charles Castonguay Boys Varsity Basketball Coach MBHS

 Resign-

 Jeffrey Rowe Mechanic Bus Garage

 Wanda York Food service MBC

 VI. New Business

1. Budget updates

Dr. Tom shared that the legislature probably won’t approve a budget until the last day in June meaning that we won’t know about the ED 279 updates until July. The governor eliminated the 50% that the state funds for Systems Administration, which once it is run through the EPS formula should be about $350,000 for our district. There is a strong feeling that additional money will be put into General Purpose Aid for education, although we won’t have that information until the state budget is approved. The legislature is waiting for the 5/1/17 state revenue report and hoping that it will be better than expected.

1. Budget deliberations

 Section E- Career and Technical Education

 Section F- Other Instruction

 Motion to take $9,000 out of Line 22 and take $11,000 out of Line 25 for a total

reduction of $20,000 of the International Student Program: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Helen Wilkey

Vote: 6/7 (In favor Dr. Patterson, Helen Wilkey, Keith Swett, Jennifer Pooler, Cherieann Harrison, Iris Silverstein, and Craig Stickney) (463/390)

Motion to add $10,000 to Section F in the appropriate place to support the International Student Program: Scott Erb Seconded: Angie LeClair

Vote: 7/6 (Voting in opposition – Dr. Patterson, Helen Wilkey, Keith Swett, Jennifer Pooler, Cherieann Harrison, Craig Stickney) 474/379

Betsey Hyde left at 6:45 p.m.

Section G- Student and Staff Support

Motion to add 4 social workers to the budget at a cost of $272,036: Cherieann Harrison

Seconded: Keith Swett

Motion to call the vote: Jennifer Pooler Seconded: Cherieann Harrison

Vote: 9/3 (Voting in opposition – Helen Wilkey, Craig Stickney, Iris Silverstein)

Vote (on original motion): 9/3 (Voting in opposition – Dr. Patterson, Keith Swett, Craig Stickney) 552/272

Jennifer Pooler left at 7:06 p.m.

Motion to hire a half-time guidance counselor for Foster CTE at $25,170 (Note: This will increase the student services coordinator at Foster CTE to full time.): Craig Stickney Seconded: Keith Swett

Motion to call the vote: Helen Wilkey Seconded: Keith Swett

Vote: 8/3 (Voting in opposition Doug Dunlap, Jenn Zweig Hebert, Keith Swett)

Vote (on the original motion): Unanimously in favor (748)

Motion to add a half-time school counselor to MBC at a cost of $25,170: Tami Labul

 Seconded: Cherieann Harrison

Vote: 8/3 in favor (Voting in opposition – Helen Wilkey, Keith Swett, Jennifer Zweig Hebert) 608/140

Motion to remove the school resource officer at $44,764: Keith Swett

Seconded: Helen Wilkey

Vote: 3/8 (Voting in favor – Helen Wilkey, Keith Swett, Iris Silverstein) 189/559

Section H- System Administration

 Section I- School Administration

 Section J- Student Transportation

 Section K- Facilities Operations

 Motion to set the budget at $34,179,878: Keith Swett

 Seconded: Scott Erb

 Vote: 2/9 (Voting in favor: Keith Swett and Scott Erb) 158/590

 VII. Adjournment at 8:34 p.m.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**May 2, 2017-Set Budget-6:00pm-The Forum- Mt. Blue Campus**

**May 4, 2017 (Tent)-Board Budget Meeting-6:00pm-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**May 9, 2017-Set Budget-6:00pm-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**