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

**Board Minutes**

**Date: April 5, 2018**

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

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**In attendance:** ~~Heather Ahern-Huish~~, Jennifer Zweig Hebert, ~~Cherieann Harrison~~, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Richard Hargreaves, Jeff Harris, ~~Betsey Hyde~~, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, ~~Robert Patterson~~, Lidie Robbins, Iris Silverstein, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney, ~~Joe Crandall,~~ Griffin Mayhew, ~~Chris Marshall, Hallie Pike~~

**Also present:** Monique Poulin, James Black, Nichole Goodspeed, Tracy Williams, Darlene Paine, Keith Acedo, Melissa Williams, ~~Andy Hutchins, Glenn Kapiloff~~, Jonathan Chalmers, ~~Richard Joseph, Katie Duchesne~~, Christine Gatto-Shea, ~~Cynthia Bernstein~~, Laura Columbia

1. Call to Order 6:33
2. Pledge
3. Employment of a Superintendent

Motion: Angie LeClair recommended that Tina Meserve be offered the position of Superintendent of Schools for a salary of the budgeted amount of $125,000 with benefits, and length of contract as recommended by the Contract Negotiation Committee and upon acceptance by the candidate.

Second: Irving Faunce

Vote:12-0 Unanimous

1. Public Comment: a member of the audience thanked Dr. Tom for all he has done for the district.
2. Budget Workshop-Deliberations
3. New Requests- Discussion of several of the items
4. CCHS teacher previously paid by grant, $47,527. Federal money keeps decreasing, so this position needs to be moved to local money.
5. MBHS Science teacher-Very difficult to schedule science classes due to lab. Some students have been unable to take a science lab.
6. Half-time ASL teacher-Currently cannot offer a second year of the course. As transition to Proficiency-based education, ASL will allow students another option for a World Language. Requests for the course have doubled over the last year.
7. Discussion of the various contingency lines-Fiscal year 17/18 =$50,000. Proposed for 18/19=$100,000
8. Accountant-$76,020 work with grants, payroll as it pertains to the IRS, etc., so that Kris could work more closely with the secretaries and adapt to changes caused by contract language and reporting for the government. District auditors always start by stating that we are grossly understaffed in Central Office and that we would have to replace Kris with 2-3 people.
9. Proposed third grade teaching position at CBS- $52,000. 93 students coming into third grade at this time. The enrollment looks consistent for the next few years. Two ed techs cost approximately $27,000. The difference between the two is $25,000. Griffin, Iris, Craig, and Doug expressed support for this position.
10. Question about no $ amount attached to the propane and diesel. Industry, New Sharon, Weld, Wilton, and Farmington all buy oil together in bulk in an effort to save money.
11. Discussion of MBMS modular classroom and what courses will be offered there. Expand woodworking and add CNA to the health course.
12. Dr. Tom mentioned that we gave all of our additional money from the state to the taxpayers and that the state is giving us less than they said they would.
13. Discussion of the impact of the budget on taxpayers/homeowners. Decrease Wilton and Temple with large increase to Starks.
14. A 5% increase to the cost of health insurance was budgeted, but unfortunately it came back at 5.8% amounting to $50,000.

Motion: Irv Faunce moved to add a third grade teacher at CBS for $52,000 Second: Angie LeClair

Vote: 12-0 Unanimous

Dr. Robert Patterson has resigned and Jess Silanpaa will join us on/after April 17th.

1. Adjournment 8:02

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**April 10, 2018-6:30pm-Board Business/Budget Meeting-Sign Warrants-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**April 12, 2018-6:30pm-Board Business/Budget Meeting-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**