

Mt. Blue Regional School District
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA

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Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all

DATE: April 11, 2023
PLACE: The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
TIME: 7:00 pm
LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member), Elizabeth “Ella” Mayhew (Student Member)

Absent: Kyle Fletcher, Gloria McGraw

Also present: ~~Keith Acedo, Cynthia Bernstein, James Black, Kevin Bremner, Laura Columbia, Todd Demmons, Bruce Dostie, Katie Duchesne, Chris Elkington, Nichole Goodspeed, Andy Hutchins, John Jones, Richard Joseph, Erin Landry, Monique Poulin, Cyndi Pratt, Joel Smith, Melissa Williams, Tracy Williams~~

- I. Call to Order
 - A. 7:06 pm

 - II. Pledge of Allegiance

 - III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. Add Science Teacher at MBC under new hire, Kevin McFadden
 - B. No motion coming out of executive session.

 - IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - Section E

 - V. Communications
 - A. [Withdrawal of Amendment: Maine Special Ed Regulation](#)
 - B. Maine DOE withdrew the amendment.
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- VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators
 - A. Judith Kaut, CCHS participated in the IDITAREAD and Delana Yeaton's class won.
 - B. Richard Rhulin shared that a graduate shared wonderful things about Mt. Blue, and a current student shared how much they love their teacher.

 - VII. Public Comment
 - A. None

 - VIII. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Christian Elkington
 - A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
 - 1. Hopeful for the number of qualified applicants that are applying.
 - B. MBMS Project Reminder
 - C. Women's Wrestling
 - D. USDA Proposes New Rules

 - IX. Administrator Reports
 - A. [Cascade Brook School](#)
 - 1. For the CBS Family Engagement, indigenous drummers were present, as well as a collaboration with the food service program.
 - 2. The winner of the March Madness Tournament of Books was, Can I Be Your Dog by Troy Cummings.
 - B. [RSU 9 Transportation](#)
 - 1. Thanked our support staff for cleaning our buildings, driving our students, and fixing our schools.
 - 2. MAPT Training and participating in the Blueberry Festival will be coming up.
 - 3. Parts have increased, and we have worked on ordering them in advance.

 - X. Presentations
 - None

 - XI. Consent Agenda
 - A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
 - B. [Board Minutes from March 28th](#)
 - C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 - 1. Operations Committee - [4-4-2023](#)
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2. Personnel & Finance - [4-4-2023](#)
 3. Educational Policy - [4-4-2023](#)

<i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 14:0:0 (843:0:0)	Motion: Dee Robinson Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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XII. New Business

A. 23-24 Budget Draft Review

1. Board Questions

- a) Questions were heard regarding the sharing of technology (iPads) and the technology reserve fund.

2. Board Discussion

- a) Has any progress been made on propane? This will hopefully be locked in next week. And we are receiving daily updates.
- b) When will we know town assessments? The draft of town assessments was reviewed. Our five-year average has been under 2%. We will take the three-year average of evaluations or the previous year's state evaluation, whichever number is lower for the district. A more precise definition will be added to the website.
- c) The board also discussed special education programming and reimbursement.

3. Board Requests

4. Do you want to add another date (Thur April 27th)?

- a) Warrants need to be ready for delivery. The meeting will stay as April 25th.

- b) Superintendent Elkington will be setting up meetings to share at each school, as well as working on a communication plan for helping explain the budget to the voters.
- c) Information will be sent to each town council.

B. Policy Review

1. First Reading of Board Policies:
 - a. [BEDH - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS](#)
2. Review and Approval of Adjusted Board Policies with **minimal revisions** (one reading)
 - a. [EBCA-Draft Rev. Comprehensive-Emergency-Management-Plan](#)
 - b. [JJJ-R EXTRA - AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT](#)
 - c. [EBCA - COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH AND SAFETY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN](#)
 - d. [IJNDB - STUDENT TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET USE AND INTERNET SAFETY](#)
 - e. [IJNDB - R Student Computer Technology And Internet Use Rules](#)
 - f. Discussion
 - i. Clarity on public comment was shared. The example used was that by allowing positive public comment regarding a specific individual, you would also have to allow a negative concern or statement during public comment. Concerns were shared regarding handouts during a board meeting.
 - ii. Board members also have a right to speak out if a comment is deemed inappropriate, based on our Robert's Rules.

<p><i>Motion to approve policies with minimal revisions.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0</p>	<p>Motion: Janice David Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed</p>
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	Vote: 14:0:0 (843:0:0)	
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C. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Compensation of Employees

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<i>Motion to</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: Alexander Creznic, Charles Hinds Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:2:0 (736:107:0)	Motion: Richard Rhulin Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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2. Entered at: 8:15 pm

3. Exited at: 8:21 pm

D. Possible Motion

1. Not applicable

XIII. Adjourn

A. 8:21 pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

April 25, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - AHS/GDC, MBMS, Foster Tech,

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - June 6, 2023 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - June 6, 2023 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - June 6, 2023 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus