

Mt. Blue Regional School District
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA

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DATE: April 25, 2023

PLACE: The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

TIME: 6:30pm

LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

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

Absent: Elizabeth “Ella” Mayhew (Student Member)

Also present: Keith Acedo, Katie Duchesne, Doug Hodum, Melissa Williams, James Black, Chris Elkington

- I. Call to Order
 - 6:31 pm mtg.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - None
- IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - Section O/ changed to Section A
 - A review of Dress Code expectations and that it is the duty of the Board while acting as a Board Members to help model the following of School Board policy.
- V. Communications
 - A. Staff Members of the Month
 1. Support Staff
 - Leeanne Angell from Mallett was recognized.
 2. Professional Staff

- Liz Leclair from Foster Tech Center was recognized.

VI. Deliberation and Approval of the FY 24 RSU 9 District Budget

A. Suggested budget changes or adjustments from the Board

- Comments about the nurse position were shared along with not filling the position of the teacher retiring at CCHS.
- #s of students in the district the last five years was asked about 2018 - 2023.

B. Public Comments

- None

C. Final deliberations/thoughts

D. Motion to approve the 2023-2024 RSU 9 Budget as presented to move forward to the Annual Budget Meeting

<p><i>Motion to set the 2023-24 Mt. Blue Regional School District budget amount at \$41,710,688</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Coles, Creznic, David, Doak, Erb, Faunce, Fletcher, Kaut, Kimber, Kinney, McGraw, Robbins, Robinson, Ruhlin, Smith Nays: None Abstained: Hinds Vote: 15:1:0 (960:0:41)</p>	<p>Motion: Erb Seconded: Doak Motion: Passed</p>
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<p><i>Motion to set the 2023-24 Franklin County Adult Basic Education budget amount at \$267,723</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Coles, Creznic, David, Doak, Erb, Faunce, Fletcher, Kaut, Kimber, Kinney, McGraw, Robbins, Robinson, Ruhlin, Smith Nays: Hinds Abstained: None Vote: 15:1:0 (960:41:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Ruhlin Seconded: Smith Motion: Passed</p>
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<p><i>Motion to set the Annual budget meeting for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:30pm in the auditorium at Mt. Blue Campus</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Coles, Creznic, David, Doak, Erb, Faunce, Fletcher, Kaut, Kimber, Kinney, McGraw, Robbins, Robinson, Ruhlin, Smith, Hinds Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Doak Seconded: Hinds Motion: Passed</p>
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<p><i>Motion to set the Budget Validation Referendum for Tuesday, June 13, 2023</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Coles, Creznic, David, Doak, Erb, Faunce, Fletcher, Kaut, Kimber, Kinney, McGraw, Robbins, Robinson, Ruhlin, Smith, Hinds Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Doak Seconded: Ruhlin Motion: Passed</p>
<p><i>Motion to have open articles at the May 23, 2023 Annual Budget Meeting</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Coles, Creznic, David, Doak, Erb, Faunce, Fletcher, Kaut, Kimber, Kinney, McGraw, Robbins, Robinson, Ruhlin, Smith, Hinds Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Doak Seconded: Ruhlin Motion: Passed</p>
<p><i>Motion to add an additional article to the Annual Budget Meeting warrant that allows authorization of the school board to use all or part of any additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board and/or decrease the local cost-share expectation as defined by Title 20-A., section 15671-A(1)(B) for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School board</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Coles, Creznic, David, Doak, Erb, Faunce, Fletcher, Kaut, Kimber, Kinney, McGraw, Robbins, Robinson, Ruhlin, Smith Nays: Creznic, Hinds Abstained: None Vote: 14:2:0 (876:125:0)</p>	<p>Motion: David Seconded: Kinney Motion: Passed</p>
<p><i>Motion to add an additional article to the Annual Budget Meeting warrant that allows authorization of the School Board to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Coles, Creznic, David, Doak, Erb, Faunce, Fletcher, Kaut, Kimber, Kinney, McGraw, Robbins, Robinson, Ruhlin, Smith, Hinds Nays: None Abstained: None</p>	<p>Motion: David Seconded: Doak Motion: Passed</p>

<i>center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2023-24 fiscal year, provided that the transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget</i>	Vote: 15:1:0 (1001:0:0)	
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VII. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators

VIII. Public Comment

- Comments were shared about democracy with quotes from the Founding Fathers. Also about the purpose of the public comment period.

IX. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Christian Elkington

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. MBMS Project Bids
- C. Tech Help Desk Improvements
- D. Guns and School Shootings: "Will School Shootings in 2023 outpace last year's record high?"

X. Administrator Reports

- A. [AHS/GDC](#) - Principal Acedo
 - A few questions about the report were asked
 - Bingo Night was reviewed
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- B. [MBMS](#) - Principal Duchesne
 - ESSER Library upgrade nearing completion. The Maintenance Dept. is building beautiful shelves!
 - Girl's Day at State House.
 - They are bringing back career day.
- C. [Foster Tech Center](#) - Director Williams
 - Student of the Year for FTC is Mckella Ford!
 - The new Pre-Apprenticeship & Apprenticeship programs are moving forward with grant funds.
 - Strong community partners continue to add so much to FTC.

XI. Presentations

- 23-24 Budget Communications Planning(draft) - Elkington

- Info was shared. Board was happy with the proactive efforts being made.

XII. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
- B. [Board Minutes](#) Apr 11, 2023 and [Board Minutes](#) Apr 14, 2023
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 - 1. Operations Committee - None
 - 2. Personnel & Finance - None
 - 3. Educational Policy - None
 - Janice & Gwen and unanimous

<i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda</i>	Yeas: Coles, Creznic, David, Doak, Erb, Faunce, Fletcher, Kaut, Kimber, Kinney, McGraw, Robbins, Robinson, Ruhlin, Smith, Hinds Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)	Motion: David Seconded: Doak Motion: Passed
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XIII. New Business

- A. Policy Review
 - 1. Second Reading of Board Policies:
 - a. [BEDH - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS](#)
 - Motion to approve
 - Concern with whether or not the changes would limit discussion.
 - Lots of discussion that the changes actually encourage greater comment and that the changes are not reducing it.

<i>Motion to approve the Policy BEDH</i>	Yeas: Coles, David, Doak, Erb, Faunce, Fletcher, Kaut, Kimber, Kinney, McGraw, Robbins, Robinson, Ruhlin, Smith Nays: None Abstained: Creznic, Hinds Vote: 14:0:2 (876:0:125)	Motion: David Seconded: Doak Motion: Passed
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***Motion to extend meeting until 9:00 PM

<i>Motion to extend the meeting time to 9:00 pm</i>	Yeas: Coles, Doak, Erb, Faunce, Fletcher, Kaut, Kimber, Kinney, McGraw, Robinson, Ruhlin, Smith, Creznic, Hinds Nays: David, Robbins Abstained: None Vote: 14:2:0 (886:0:115)	Motion: Ruhlin Seconded: Doak Motion: Passed
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B. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) - Labor Contract Discussions between the Board and Professional Staff

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<i>Motion to enter Executive Session as written</i>	Yeas: Coles, Doak, Erb, Faunce, Fletcher, Kaut, Kimber, Kinney, McGraw, Robbins, Robinson, Ruhlin, Smith, Creznic, Hinds Nays: David Abstained: None Vote: 15:1:0 (917:84:0)	Motion: Ruhlin Seconded: Smith Motion: Passed
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Entered Executive Session at 8:37 pm

Returned to Regular Session at 8:52 pm

C. Executive Session pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §1747 - Public Improvements

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<i>Motion to enter Executive Session as written</i>	Yeas: Coles, Doak, Erb, Faunce, Fletcher, Kaut, Kimber, Kinney, McGraw, Robbins, Robinson, Ruhlin, Smith, Creznic, Hinds Nays: David Abstained: None Vote: 15:1:0 (917:0:84)	Motion: Smith Seconded: Ruhlin Motion: Passed
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Entered Executive Session at 8:53 pm

Returned to Regular Session at 8:59 pm

XIV. Adjourned at 8:59

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

- May 2, 2023 - 6:30pm - Warrant Signing The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
May 9, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
- Board Reports - CCHS, MBHS, WGM
- May 23, 2023 - 7:00pm - Annual Budget Mtg. Bjorn Auditorium, Mt. Blue Campus
June 13th, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
- Board Reports - Adult Ed, Technology, McKinney-Vento
- June 27th, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
- Board Reports - NONE

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