

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors

Minutes

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DATE: April 26, 2022

Place: The Forum

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://vimeo.com/703690678>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce (entered at 6:31pm), Cherieann Harrison (entered at 6:35pm), Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Debbie Smith (Zoom)

Absent: Lisa Laflin

Also present: Keith Acedo, Nancy Allen, James Black, Jeff Brazee (Zoom), Beth Christopher (Zoom), Laura Columbia, Chris Elkington, John Jones, Richard Joseph, Jennifer Pooler, Melissa Williams (Zoom), Tracy Williams (Zoom), Sherry Wyman (Zoom)

- I. Called to Order at 6:30 pm
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. Table item XIII, C. until a future meeting
 - B. Add item XIII, F. Executive Session Employee Compensation 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A)
 - IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - Paragraph 1 Code of Ethics
 - Item c
 - V. Communications
 - A. [CCHS Cereal Dominos Fundraiser](#)
 - VI. “Good News” stories from the Board or Administrators
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- A. Chair Coles gave her congratulations to Betsey Hyde, who will be recognized by the Town of Temple for her long-time service on the board.
- B. Kirk Doyle shared that an 8th grader competed in a wrestling tournament, and placed fourth.
- C. Chris Elkington shared that this week is secretary/administrative professional week, and staff is being recognized by their buildings and the district this week.
- D. Dee Robinson shared that the Blue Crew received the professionalism award and did well in their recent competition.

VII. Deliberation and Approval of the FY 23 RSU 9 District Budget

A. Review of final #s

- 1. Superintendent Elkington reviewed the [2022-23 Budget Update](#) document that was shared with the board.

B. Questions/Public Comment

- 1. Questions were heard about a PreK at CCHS.

<i>Motion to set the 2022-23 Mt. Blue Regional School District budget amount at \$39,991,944</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (937:0:0)	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

<i>Motion to set the 2022-23 Franklin County Adult Basic Education budget amount at \$508,652</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (937:0:0)	Motion: Doug Dunlap Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

The following were made and approved as one motion - with no further discussion heard.

<i>Motion to set the Annual budget meeting for Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6:30pm in the auditorium at Mt. Blue Campus</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (937:0:0)	Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed
<i>Motion to set the Budget Validation Referendum for Tuesday, June 14, 2022</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (937:0:0)	Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed
<i>Motion to have open articles at the May 24, 2022 Annual Budget Meeting</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (937:0:0)	Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed
<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</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh	Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed

<i>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>	Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (937:0:0)	
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<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 center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2022-23 fiscal year, provided that the transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (937:0:0)	Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed
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<i>Motion to add an additional article to the Annual Budget Meeting warrant that allows authorization of the School Board to establish reserve funds for Capital Reserve, Special Education, Fuel, and Instructional Technology from available fund balances</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (937:0:0)	Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed
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VIII. Public Comment

A. None

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Parking Lot & Sidewalk Repair
- C. Grow Your Own Grant w/UMF
- D. Test Kits for Families & Staff

X. Administrator Reports

- A. [Adult Education](#) - Nancy Allen, Director of Adult Education
 - 1. Questions were heard regarding the free Community College Courses that will be offered.
- B. [Academy Hill School/G.D. Cushing School](#) - Keith Acedo, Principal
 - 1. Questions were asked regarding the front entrance mural that students voted on, the Kids Can Program working with students, and the Parent Teacher and Friends Organization.
- C. [Mt. Blue Middle School](#) - James Black, Principal
 - 1. Questions were heard regarding 6th-grade participation on the basketball and baseball teams. And questions on transitions (5th-6th and 8th-9th).

XI. Presentations

A. None

XII. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires
- B. Board Minutes from [April 6, 2022](#)
- C. Board Minutes from [April 12, 2022](#)
- D. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 - 1. Operations Committee - None
 - 2. Personnel & Finance - None
 - 3. Educational Policy - None

<i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison,	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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	Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (853:0:0)	
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No discussion was heard.

XIII. New Business

A. COVID Reopening Plan Check-In - Elkington/Columbia

1. [Covid Data Update](#) - data through 4/15/22
2. State Recommendations, Changes & Adjustments
 - a) [Pooled Testing](#)
3. [Superintendent's Recommendation](#) - 4/26/2022
4. Discussion/Questions

<i>Motion to approve Superintendent's Recommendations as corrected.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (853:0:0)	Motion: Kirk Doyle Seconded: Betsey Hyde Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

B. Community School Audit Summary & Data

1. Review/Questions
 - a) [CCHS Community School Plan](#)
 - b) [Grant Application](#)

<i>Motion to approve the Audit Summary & Data Review and to continue to strive to earn the Grant</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: Cherieann Harrison Abstained: None	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Josh Robbins Motion: Passed
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Questions were heard about the timeline of approval. Concern was heard that this information was received by the board just prior to the meeting. Will transportation be provided for these afterschool programs? Are there concerns about the dental program taking time away from the school day and the cleanliness or sanitary conditions of the space the program will use? There were other questions that could not be answered and will be asked of Principal Sinclair.

C. ~~Parking Lot & Sidewalk Repair~~ - tabled to future meeting

- ~~1. Review of proposal recommendations~~
- ~~2. Funding source~~

D. Textbook Notifications - Columbia

1. These texts were approved by the Educational Policy Committee on 4/5/22 and are moving to the Board of Directors for notification.
 - a) [Agentes Secretors y el Mural de Picasso](#), Mira Canion
 - b) [Mananaland](#), Pam Munoz
 - c) Discussion was heard about the need to update the Textbook Notification Form to include more information.

E. Board Policy

1. First Reading of Board Policy Draft [GBIA](#): Staff Participation in Political Activities
 - a) Discussion was heard regarding the need for this policy. Is it too broad as written? Diverse opinions make a democracy. A concern was shared about how the policy explained a staff member could use their name or use the district's name or logo in promoting their candidacy.
 - b) Kay Neufeld, a reporter from the Franklin Journal requested to ask a clarifying question.
 - c) The policy will have the staff name issue reviewed and brought back for the next meeting.

<i>Motion for unanimous consent to allow Kay Neufeld,</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde,	Motion: Wayne Kinney Seconded: Betsye Hyde Motion: Failed
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<i>a reporter from the Franklin Journal to ask a clarifying question.</i>	Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: Kirk Doyle, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Cherianne Harrison Abstained: None Vote: 10:4:0 (698:239:0)	
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2. Second and Final Reading of Board Policy [JLC: Wellness Policy](#)

<i>Motion to approve the second and final reading of Board Policy JLC: Wellness Policy</i>	Yeas: Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherianne Harrison Nays: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Mark Prentiss, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Judith Kaut, Betsey Hyde, Gloria McGraw, J. Wayne Kinney, Josh Robbins Abstained: Vote: 10:4:0 (621:316:0)	Motion: Cherieanne Harrison Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Failed
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There was a discussion of sending it back to the policy committee with feedback on specific wording in the policy. A suggestion was made to replace the word punishment with discipline. With the failure of the motion, the policy will go back to Ed Policy Committee for further review.

<i>Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes (til 8:45pm)</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (937:0:0)	Motion: Dee Robinson Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

F. Executive Session Employee Compensation 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

<i>Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) to</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison,	Motion: Doug Dunlap Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed
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<i>discuss employee compensation</i>	Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (937:0:0)	
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No discussion was heard.

Time entered: 8:25pm

Time exited: 8:47pm

<i>Motion to extend the meeting until 9:00pm</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (937:0:0)	Motion: Kirk Doyle Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

<i>Motion to re-enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) to discuss employee compensation</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (937:0:0)	Motion: Kirk Doyle Seconded: Cherieann Harrison Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

Time entered: 8:48pm

Time exited: 8:58pm

<i>Recommendation to allow staff member A to join the professional staff Sick Bank, and to have access to use days in the sick bank.</i> <i>If not permitted, motion to authorize the superintendent to grant additional sick days to staff member A at his discretion.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (937:0:0)	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

XIV. Adjourn

<i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i>		Motion: Carol Coles Motion: Passed without objection
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Adjourned at 9:00pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

May 3, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus - Special Board Meeting

May 10, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

May 24, 2022 - 6:30pm - Bjorn Auditorium - Annual Budget Meeting

UPCOMING STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 27, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

May 2, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

May 23, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - June 7, 2022 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - June 7, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - June 7, 2022 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus