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Board of Directors Board Meeting Agenda Minutes

DATE: April 28, 2026

PLACE: The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

TIME: 6:30pm

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

Board Members Present: Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Amanda Caruso, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Patty Hastings, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Katie Martikke, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Dina Spenciner

Board Members Absent: Debbie Smith, Rich Ruhlin

Student Reps Present: Brynne Fournier, Rowan Shanti

Student Reps Absent: Julian Reynolds, Reed Cousineau

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other Staff Present: Stacey Gilbert, Nichole Goodspeed, James Black, Galen Dalrymple, Joel Smith, Katie Duchesne, Carol Kiesman

I. Call to Order - Chair Gwen Doak

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Adjustments to the Agenda

- A. None

IV. Report of the Chairperson - Chair Doak

- A. Welcome to our newest Board Member from Farmington
- Christina Bobrow
- B. [BCA - Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
- "O & P"

V. Communications

- A. [Community Memo](#) and [Statement of Budget Clarification](#)
- B. [MDOE FY25 Audit Review](#)
- C. [Superintendent's Memo to Staff](#)

VI. Good News Stories from the Board or Administrators

- A. FCTEC-Mason Labonte was recognized as FCTEC's Student of the Year this weekend. He is a Spruce Mountain student in the Business Academy Program.
- B. MBHS- Over April break, students participated in trips to Quebec and New York City. Rowan Shanti was recognized as the MBHS Principal's Award recipient. Congratulations to one of our student board members!
- C. Grants-Our current Preventing Student Homelessness Grant has ended, and we were able to use the funds to support a variety of students with varied needs. We were awarded our request for Title I Summer Programming funding.

VII. Public Comment

- A. Policy [BEDH: Public Participation At Board Meetings](#)

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Openings as of 4/28/2026
- C. Social Media and the Young
- D. One-time extra revenue from the State of Maine
 - 1. These funds cannot be spent in FY26. We will do some brainstorming and will bring suggestions to the Ed Policy and Personnel and Finance Committees.
- E. NEO Student Data Reporting

IX. Administrator Reports

- A. [WGMS](#) - Principal Stacey Gilbert
 - 1. Principal Gilbert shared the highlights of the report.
 - 2. Second-grade students attended enrichment assemblies at CCHS with support from the CCHS Garden Club.
 - 3. The district utilizes the SWIS (Schoolwide Incident Systems) platform to monitor and analyze behavioral data.
 - 4. Dropout prevention efforts are focused on identifying academic struggles at a young age to provide early intervention.

5. Leadership is analyzing math and reading diagnostics to better meet student needs.
 6. Refining internal processes is a top priority to ensure operational consistency across the district.
- B. [CBS](#) - Principal, Dr. Nicole Goodspeed
1. Principal Goodspeed shared the highlights of her report.
 2. A student-operated school store serves as both an incentive program and a practical way for students to practice math skills.
 3. The school utilized a retired teachers' grant to fund *Shrek the Musical* and is currently in the second round of the approval process for a Disney production grant.
 4. The BARR framework was presented as a core strategy to be discussed for the benefit of all students.
 5. To boost reading engagement, the school is focusing on interdisciplinary options and providing a wider variety of materials and reading methods.
 6. Several of our regular substitutes are currently placed in long-term roles, which makes the day to day sub coverage a challenge.
- C. [MBMS](#) - Principal James Black & Katie Duchesne
1. Principal Black and Assistant Principal Duchesne shared the highlights of the report.
 2. Staffing concerns persist regarding the need for an increased number of certified teachers and the resources required to manage the broad spectrum of student needs.
 3. Chronic absenteeism will be addressed at the next meeting.
 4. The board is wondering whether expanding CTE programs could serve as an effective tool for increasing student attendance.
 5. Successes are currently being found through strong student-teacher relationships, the BARR model, and engaging lessons.
 6. Family engagement remains a challenge in older grades as students naturally push back and seek more independence.

X. Presentations

None

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
- B. Board Minutes - [04/14/2026](#)

C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes

1. Operations Committee - None
2. Personnel & Finance - None
3. Educational Policy - None

- Motion/Vote

<p><i>Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Amanda Caruso, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Patty Hastings, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Katie Martikke, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Dina Spenciner</p> <p>Nays:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Student Yeas: Brynne Fournier, Rowan Shanti</p> <p>Student Nays:</p> <p>Student Abstain:</p> <p>928/0/0</p>	<p>Motion: Patty Hastings Seconded: Angie LeClair Motion: Passed</p>
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XII. **New Business**

A. [Viles Grant Application](#)

1. Review
 - a. Anita Stevens reviewed the grant proposal.
2. Discussion/Questions?

- Motion/Vote

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B. [Policy Work](#) -

1. None

XIII. **Adjourned without objection at 7:45.**

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - 6:30pm - The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

- *Board Reports - School Nutrition, McKinney Vento/FESS*
 - *Tentative Presentation Schedule*
 - *25-26 District Attendance #s*

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 - 7:00pm - Bjorn Auditorium - Mt. Blue Campus

- *Annual Budget Meeting*

Thursday, June 11, 2026 - 6:30pm - The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

- *Board Reports - MBHS, FTC*
 - *Tentative Presentations or Other Business*
 - *Certify Budget Referendum Results*

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS -

Operations - May 5, 2026 - 5:00pm - The Holman House, District Office

Personnel & Finance - May 5, 2026, - 6:00pm - The Holman House, District Office

Educational Policy - May 5, - 7:00pm - 8:15pm - The Holman House, District Office

Budget Meetings & Other Important Budget Dates

Annual Budget Meeting - Tuesday, May 26, 2026 - 7:00pm - Bjorn Auditorium - Mt. Blue Campus

Budget Referendum - Tuesday, June 9, 2026 - Individual Polling Hours and Locations by Town