

# Mt. Blue Regional School District



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## Board of Directors Board Meeting Agenda - Notes

**DATE:** May 13, 2025  
**PLACE:** Mt. Blue Campus Forum  
**TIME:** 6:30pm  
**LIVESTREAM LINK:** <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

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**Board members present:** Amanda Caruso, Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Gerry Provencher, Josh Robbins, Dee Robinson, Rich Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner

**Board members absent:** Katie Martikke, Lance Harvell, Scott Erb

**Student board members present:** Addie Colello, Julian Reynolds, Brielle Tinker

**Student board members absent:** Rowan Shanti

**Staff present:** Chris Elkington, Monique Poulin

**Other staff present:** Joel Smith, Galen Dalrymple, Chris Davis, Todd Demmons, Lisa Dalrymple, Lana Swett, Matt Fournier, Travis Tierney

### I. Call to Order - Chair Robinson

A. Meeting was called to order at 6:30.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Adjustments to the Agenda

A. Senior Student Representative Recognition

1. Brielle Tinker
2. Adeline Colello

### IV. Report of the Chairperson - Chair Robinson

A. [Code of Ethics](#)

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### V. Communications

A. Superintendent's Newsletter - [5/2/2025](#)

B. [Summer Funding Grant](#)

1. Title I Reallocated was granted at 90%-\$45,900.

C. [Literacy Purpose Document](#)

1. This is a document that articulates a systemic approach to literacy across the district. We will work and teach across grades, schools and the district using similar techniques and skills.
2. Jen Ladd-This is designed to facilitate teacher reflection. It is a multi-tiered system of support addressing all learners in a targeted way and gives a common understanding and foundation from which to work.
3. We are currently working on another document for teacher use that has further details.

## **VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators**

- A. Ski lift at Titcomb has been repaired.
- B. Staff Appreciation Week has been filled with families and administrators thanking staff.
- C. The district office staff made whoopie pies and delivered them as a token of appreciation.

## **VII. Public Comment**

- A. None

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Openings as of 5-13-2025
- C. First 10 budget application update
  1. We had more carryover than we anticipated, and so we will make that adjustment in the grant.
- D. Can Studying in the US Survive Geopolitics?
- E. How Many People with Disabilities Helped Win World War II?
  1. When people are treated with respect and as equals they perform like others!
- F. White House Order Prioritizes A.I. in Schools

## **IX. Administrator Reports**

A. [MBHS](#) - Principal Joel Smith

1. Addie Colello-Nordic Teams went to the State House to be recognized.

2. Nora McCourt received the MPA Principal's Award.
3. Student Engagement has been a theme this year.
4. BARR-Recognized at the National Conference as accredited and will receive a visit from a school in Rhode Island.
5. Attendance improvements have been noted year to year.
6. Financial Literacy was acknowledged as a highlight.

B. [FCTEC](#) - Interim Director Galen Dalrymple

1. Highlights from the report were shared to include the Woodlands Firefighter Certification and a collaboration with MBHS on their Parent Teacher Conference night. New students were invited, and 70 families attended.
2. 441 students have been accepted to FCTEC to date for the 25-26 school year.
3. MACTE-Directed Dalrymple was elected as treasurer and was nominated to serve on the CTE certification committee at the state level.

## X. Presentations

A. [International student sharing](#)

1. Experience at Mt. Blue
  - a. Lisa Dalrymple, Joel Smith and several international students were present from the following list: *Gonzalo - Spain, Juliette - France, Agusti - Spain, Alejandra - Spain, Berta - Spain, Inés - Spain, Paula - Germany, Farida - Egypt, Olivia - Spain, Atikan (Ping Ping) - Thailand, Emma - Germany, Roberto - Spain, Helene - Austria, Natalia - Poland*. Those present shared a presentation on their experience this year at MBC.
2. [Exchange trip to the Canary Islands](#)
  - a. Matt Fournier, Todd Demmons and some students from the following list: *Casey Adams, Keira Adams, Nina Bogar, Brynne Fournier, Addison Lancaster, Annabell Fearon, Lucy-Anne Knowles, Acacia Omari, Scout Simpson, Asha Lescault, Emma Turcotte*, shared a presentation on their trip to the Canary Islands.

## XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
- B. Board Minutes - [4/29/2025](#)
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
  1. Operations Committee - [5/6/2025](#)

2. Personnel & Finance - [5/6/2025](#)
  3. Educational Policy - [5/6/2025](#)
- Motion/Vote

<i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented</i>	<p><b>Yeas:</b> Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dee Robinson, Rich Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner, Josh Robbins</p> <p><b>Nays:</b></p> <p><b>Abstain:</b> Gerald Provencher</p> <p><b>Student Yeas:</b> Brielle Tinker, Julian Reynolds, Adeline Colello</p> <p><b>Student Nays:</b></p> <p><b>Student Abstain:</b></p> <p>722/0/76</p>	<p><i>Motion: Rich Ruhlin</i>  <i>Second: Wayne Kinney</i>  <i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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## XII. New Business

### A. [Field Trip Request](#)

1. Outdoor Leadership - May 22 and 23.
  - a. Traveling to Acadia National Park in Bar Harbor to do rock climbing and sea kayaking.
  - b. Travis Tierney shared the details of the trip and answered questions.
  - c. Addie Colello was acknowledged for her upcoming Rock Belay Certification, was chosen as the recipient of the Outdoor Leadership Program Award, and received her Wildland Firefighting Certificate.
  - d. Motion/Vote

<i>Motion to approve the Field Trip as presented</i>	<p><b>Yeas:</b> Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Dee Robinson, Rich Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner, Josh Robbins</p> <p><b>Nays:</b></p> <p><b>Abstain:</b></p> <p><b>Student Yeas:</b> Brielle Tinker, Julian Reynolds, Adeline Colello</p> <p><b>Student Nays:</b></p> <p><b>Student Abstain:</b></p> <p>798/0/0</p>	<p><i>Motion: Gwen Doak</i>  <i>Second: Josh Robbins</i>  <i>Motion: Passed</i></p>
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B. [Standing Committee Resolution](#) - Kinney

1. Review

- a. Wayne Kinney reviewed the resolution and discussed next steps if the resolution is approved.

2. Questions

- a. None

• Vote

<i>Motion to approve as presented</i>	<b>Yeas:</b> Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Dee Robinson, Rich Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner, Josh Robbins  <b>Nays:</b> <b>Abstain:</b> <b>Student Yeas:</b> Brielle Tinker, Julian Reynolds, Adeline Colello <b>Student Nays:</b> <b>Student Abstain:</b> 798/0/0	<i>Motion: Gwen Doak Second: Rich Ruhlin Motion: Passed</i>
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C. Policy Work

1. Eliminations

- a. [GDF-R Support Staff Hiring](#)  
b. [GDKA-R Support Staff Time Cards](#)  
c. Discussion/Questions?  
• Motion/Vote

<i>Motion to approve elimination of policies as presented</i>	<b>Yeas:</b> Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Dee Robinson, Rich Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner, Josh Robbins  <b>Nays:</b> <b>Abstain:</b> <b>Student Yeas:</b> Brielle Tinker, Julian Reynolds, Adeline Colello <b>Student Nays:</b> <b>Student Abstain:</b> 798/0/0	<i>Motion: Wayne Kinney Second: Josh Robbins Motion: Passed</i>
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2. Brand new (first reading)

1. [KCD Public Gifts/Donations to the Schools](#)

a. Review/Questions

- i. Gwen Doak reviewed the policy and questions were considered. This is a new policy not a replacement. The threshold of \$2,000 is in alignment with some of our other policies and procedures. This was recommended by MSMA.
- ii. Should we be adding language specific to a capital expense that must be approved by the taxpayers? There was much discussion, and we will look at adding some wording noting that certain things cannot just be accepted under this policy. This will go back to the committee for review before it comes back to the board.

**XIII. Executive Session**

A. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Appointment of Officials

- *Motion to go into* Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Appointment of Officials
  - Vote

<i>Motion to go into Executive Session for Appointment of Officials</i>	<b>Yeas:</b> Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Dee Robinson, Rich Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner, Josh Robbins  <b>Nays:</b> <b>Abstain:</b> <b>Student Yeas:</b> Brielle Tinker, Julian Reynolds, Adeline Colello <b>Student Nays:</b> <b>Student Abstain:</b> 798/0/0	<i>Motion: Gwen Doak</i> <i>Second: Amanda Caruso</i> <i>Motion: Passed</i>
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Exited Executive Session at 8:00.

B. Director of Foster Career and Technical Education Center Nomination

- *Motion to appoint* Galen Dalrymple as the Director of FCTEC for the 2025-2026 School Year
  - Vote

<i>Motion to approve Galen</i>	<b>Yeas:</b> Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gwen Doak, Kyle	<i>Motion: Wayne Kinney</i>
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<i>Dalrymple as the New Director of FCTEC</i>	<i>Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Dee Robinson, Rich Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner, Josh Robbins</i>  <b>Nays:</b> <b>Abstain:</b> <b>Student Yeas:</b> <b>Student Nays:</b> <b>Student Abstain:</b> 798/0/0	<i>Second: Debbie Smith</i> <i>Motion: Passed</i>
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C. Assistant Director of Foster Career and Technical Education Center Nomination

- *Motion to appoint Lana Swett as an Assistant Director of FCTEC for the 2025-2026 School Year*
  - *Vote*

<i>Motion to approve Lana Swett as the Assistant Director of FCTEC</i>	<b>Yeas:</b> <i>Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Dee Robinson, Rich Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Dina Spenciner, Josh Robbins</i>  <b>Nays:</b> <b>Abstain:</b> <b>Student Yeas:</b> <b>Student Nays:</b> <b>Student Abstain:</b> 798/0/0	<i>Motion: Josh Robbins</i> <i>Second: Gwen Doak</i> <i>Motion: Passed</i>
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**XIV.** Adjourned at 8:01 without objection.

**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

June 12, 2025 - 6:30pm (Thursday) - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- *School Nutrition, McKinney Vento*

June 26, 2025 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- *Athletics*

**ANNUAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

May 27, 2025 - 7:00pm - Bjorn Auditorium, Mt. Blue Campus

**NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Operations - June 3, 2025 - 5:00pm - The Holman House, District Office

Personnel & Finance - June 3, 2025, 2024 - 6:00pm - The Holman House, District Office  
Educational Policy - June 3, 2025, 2024 - 7:00pm - The Holman House, District Office