

MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Operations Committee Agenda Minutes

May 5, 2026 | 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

Members present: Debbie Smith, Scott Erb, Angie LeClair, Greg Kimber, Gerry Provencher

Members absent:

Others members present: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak

Staff present: Nicole Ibarguen, Chris Elkington, Monique Poulin

1. Call Meeting to Order - Chair Erb

- a. Called to order at 5:00

2. Previous Committee Minutes- [4/7/2026](#) - Chair Erb

- a. Approved at 4/14/2026 Board meeting
- b. Questions?
 - i. None

3. Work Progress - Operations Supervisor Ibarguen

- a. [FY26](#)
 - i. Review
 1. The progress document was reviewed.
 - ii. Building Specific FYIs?
 1. AHS/Cushing
 - a. Will have IEC take a look at the tower clock that is not working.
 - b. It can be difficult to control temperatures due to not having HVAC upgrades there.
 2. Adult Ed
 3. CBS
 4. CCHS
 5. Mallett
 6. MBMS
 7. MBC
 - a. No further issues with overhead door on the stage. We are ensuring that the operators are trained.

4. Updates - Ibarguen

- a. Staff
- b. Ten year plan progress and review?
 - i. Progress?
 - 1. Where are we?
 - a. Have been looking at CBS heating updates.
 - i. Securing more responses to questions of committee members.
 - ii. Need to move past as it may be too late to get work done this summer
 - ii. What is the next step?
 - 1. Will return to the big picture
- c. 26-27 possible RFPs
 - i. Sprinkler, Extinguishers, Hoods maintenance other?
 - 1. Next steps?
 - a. Accessed an RFP template from SAD #17 as a starting point. Will complete this and submit.
- d. Any Grant info?
 - i. None
- e. How's the new vehicle?
 - i. Working well.
 - ii. Seeking to request another vehicle in FY28.
 - iii. All maintenance vehicles are now lettered and numbered.

5. New - Ibarguen

- a. What is the work shifted to the spring from 26-27?
 - i. [Budget revisions](#)
 - 1. The revisions were reviewed with the committee.
- b. AHS & Mallett signage
 - i. Directional signage at both buildings
 - 1. Stop signs added
 - a. There was a question about adding other signage at CCHS.
 - i. This relates to parking lot painting signage and possible arrows as well as posting signage.
- c. Foster Tech Project work in RSU 9
 - i. Discussion
 - 1. What are the parameters for securing FCTEC to do project work in RSU 9?
 - a. Word of mouth but not sure
 - i. Will need to invite FTC people to next meeting
 - 2. There was a question about stumpage fees from the work at CBS.
 - a. Board Members want a clearer process
 - 3. We need to craft a process to be transparent.
 - 4. Are we paying for fuel all they use?

- a. CE says we split the costs.
- b. Why?
 - i. So that some funds can go back to the program
- 5. Many programs do projects in the community and so the process would need to be broad to include all of them.
- 6. This will likely be assigned to the Director of Finance to oversee a committee.
- d. Climate change and buildings and grounds?
 - i. How should we start planning for needs around temperature etc.?
 - 1. There has been a recent policy specific to temperature in buildings.
 - a. We need to get a copy.
 - 2. We have made progress with this on our fuel choices by going from oil to natural gas.
 - 3. Next steps?
 - a. Will need to become part of the long-term plan and a committee to investigate.

6. Additional Agenda Items

- a. [Budget Newsletter](#)
- b. Public Relations
 - i. Scheduling Virtual Town Halls
 - 1. Thursday May 14th @ 6:30 - Board Members only
 - 2. Mark your calendars info to follow
 - a. The details will be sent shortly.

7. Next Mtg. June 2, 2026

8. Adjourned at 5:38.

9. Future Agenda Items

- School Revolving Renovation Fund Grant funding
- Sprinkler system at AHS
 - Part of a district-wide project
 - State funds/Maine Bond Bank
- Ten Year Maintenance Plan
 - [Building Assessments](#)
 - [Projects already completed](#)