

Mt. Blue Regional School District
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA Minutes

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DATE: June 13, 2023
PLACE: The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
TIME: 6:30pm
LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Debbie Smith, Ella Mayhew (Student Member)

Absent: Irv Faunce, Janice David, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member), Richard Ruhlin,

Also present: Monique Poulin, Katie Duchesne, Doug Hodum, Melissa Williams, James Black, Chris Elkington, Laura Columbia, John Jones, Alison Gamache,

- I. Call to Order at 6:32
- 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 K
- V. Communications
 - A. Staff Members of the Month for May
 - 1. Support Staff: Megan Hall, Ed Tech at Mt.Blue High School
 - 2. Professional Staff: Hilary Cote, Day Treatment at Cascade Brook School
 - A round of applause was held for each!
- VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators

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- A. Dee Robinson shared how wonderful it is that schools are open up to the public for awards, ceremonies, and demonstrations of school work.
 - B. Superintendent Chris Elkington thanked student representative Ella Mayhew for helping us restart student participation and for coming to meetings in this role.
 - C. Debbie Smith, shared how great it was to see the support for the Foster Tech Recognition Night.
 - D. Katie Duchesne, interim principal at MBMS, shared that 7th graders participated in Cougars in the Community doing community services, 8th Grade Recognition Night was a success, and that Career Day had over 20 different professionals presenting to students.
 - E. Monique Poulin, principal at Mt.Blue High School, graduation went well with a beautiful sunny day, 150 scholarships were granted to our high school seniors, thanking all that were involved in making that happen.
- VII. Public Comment
- A. No public comment was heard.
- VIII. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Christian Elkington
- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
 - B. A Half Century of Student Progress Nationwide
 - C. COVID Testing Plan
 - D. Apprenticeship Article
 - E. Ed Policy approvals
 - F. Audit Extension
 - G. Full Plates Summer Meals Grant Awarded
- The superintendent highlighted a couple of the above areas from his Report.
- IX. Administrator Reports
- A. [Adult Ed.](#) - Director Allen
 - 1. 21 Graduates will be receiving their diplomas.
 - 2. Thanked the board, and RSU 9 staff for working with her the last three years.
 - B. [IT Services](#) - Director Bremner
 - 1. Device collection was started in February, and the technicians have been taking the lead on this throughout our district.
 - 2. AI and its use will be reviewed this summer, with plans moving forward around policy needs.

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- X. Presentations
- None

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
- B. [Board Minutes 5-9-2023](#), [Board Minutes 5-23-2023](#), and [Board Minutes 5-30-2023](#)
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
1. Operations Committee - [6-6-2023 Mins](#)
 2. Personnel & Finance - [6-6-2023 Mins](#)
 3. Educational Policy - [6-6-2023 Mins](#)

<i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Dee Robinson Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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XII. New Business

- A. Changing name of Director of Instruction to Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Curriculum, & Grants - Elkington

1. Review & Discussion

Superintendent shared that the present position has a multitude of expectations and responsibilities which deserve the title and recognition. Having the title will clear up any confusion about the chain of command responsibilities.

Question: If there are no monetary changes, is this up to the board or the superintendent? Due to the history of this position, it is important for the Board to make the decision.

2. Next steps?

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- a) A vote will be held at the next Board meeting.

B. Foster Tech Center (FTC) Assistant Director Reorganization Plan - Elkington/Williams

1. Review

- a) A plan and purpose memo was reviewed. Job descriptions were included. Monetarily speaking with the elimination of a present coordinator position an increase of approximately \$20,000 will be able to be absorbed by the FTC budget.

2. Questions

- a) Were heard regarding assisting in 504s and IEPs, as well as individualizing plans for students.
- b) Is there room for flexibility in the draft responsibilities? For example if they are overseeing finance, should they be overseeing the grant as well? Yes, we can be flexible and there will be partnership. In regards to grants the writing of the grant and then following-up to make sure funds are spent correctly are two different responsibilities.
- c) Questions were also heard regarding current positions and new hires.

3. Next Steps?

- a) This will go to the board at the next meeting, June 27th, 2023 for a final vote.

C. Policy Review

1. First Reading of Board Policies:

- a. [JKD-R Student Suspension Regulation](#)
 - i. Feedback was given on adding information regarding suspension of students with IEPs/504s. The superintendent will follow-up on this.

2. Basic Updates and Changes

- a. [EBAA-R Reporting of Hazards](#)
- b. [EBAAA RSU 9 Chemical Hygiene Plan](#)
 - Motion to approve

<i>Motion to approve updates as written.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins,	Motion: Alexander Creznic Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed
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	Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	
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D. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Compensation of Employees

- Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Compensation of Employees

7:21 pm

<i>Motion to enter into Executive Session as written.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Alexander Creznic Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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E. Mt. Blue HS (MBHS) Interim Principal Nomination

- Motion to appoint, TBD, as the Interim Principal of MBHS for the 2023-2024 School Year

<i>Motion to appoint Joel Smith as Interim Principal of MBHS for the 2023-2024 School Year.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Josh Robbins Motion: Passed
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F. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) - Labor Contract Discussion w/Admin Team

- Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) - Labor Contract Discussion w/Admin Association 7:34pm

<i>Motion to enter Executive Session as written.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Dee Robinson Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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XIII. Adjourned without objection at 7:45 pm.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

- June 27th, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
- Board Reports - NONE
- July 11th, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
- Board Reports - NONE
- July 25th, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
- Board Reports - Special Ed

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - August 1st, 2023 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
 Personnel & Finance - August 1st, 2023 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
 Educational Policy - August 1st, 2023 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus