

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors

Minutes

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Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all

DATE: June 14, 2022

Place: The Forum

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://vimeo.com/721065476>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Scott Erb, Judith Kaut, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Debbie Smith, Betsey Hyde (arrived at 8:05 pm)

Absent: Doug Dunlap, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin

Also present: Keith Acedo, Nancy Allen, James Black, Jeff Brazee, Laura Columbia, Chris Elkington, Nichole Goodspeed, John Jones, Jennifer Pooler (Zoom), Monique Poulin, Melissa Williams (Zoom), Tracy Williams

- I. Call to Order 6:30pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. Add Item G to the Superintendent’s Report Mt. Blue Middle School CTE Expansion
- IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - Section F
- V. Communications
 - A. [MSBA Update](#) - May 2022
 - B. RSU 9 Staff Members of the Month for May 2022
 - 1. Support Staff: Bernice Hoisington, ed tech, MBC
 - 2. Professional Staff: Kayla Walsh, teacher, AHS

VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators

- A. Carol Coles and Chris Elkington gave kudos to the TEAM that arranged all of the graduation event celebrations for seniors.
- B. Debbie Smith shared the work she has done with the students at FTC at the Stanley Transportation Museum
- C. Gloria McGraw and Dee Robinson recognized Chris Elkington for receiving the Outstanding Leadership Award from Maine School Superintendents Association for 2020. During the first two years of COVID these awards were not handed out. Elkington was nominated by his peers in Hancock County when he was a superintendent in School Union 76.
- D. Nancy Allen, Director of Adult Education, shared her work with a grant and goal being supported by Franklin County Commissioners of keeping seniors in their homes.
- E. Monique Poulin, principal of MBC, shared that graduation was a culmination of the work and journey that our students go through PreK-12 and the staff that all assisted each of our students celebrated at graduation.
- F. Chris Elkington reported that he was impressed with the academic letters and pins that students' received at the MBC Academic Awards Night and how impressed he was with the orchestra and fiddlers concert.
- G. Nichole Goodspeed, principal of CBS, shared that it was wonderful to have in-person concerts and tours for incoming students again at CBS. Recommends that every employee attend graduation, as it was an amazing experience.

VII. Public Comment

- A. None

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
 - 1. Still accepting applications for the Accountant position
 - 2. Have several applications for the Director of Technology position
- B. Strategic Planning Team Update
 - 1. Chair Laflin will give as part of the agenda
- C. Hiring Update
- D. 22-23 District Sub-Committee Meeting Plan
 - 1. Looking to continue with the first Tuesday of the Month at 5 pm, 6 pm, and 7 pm, starting in August.

E. Audit Extension

1. Have issued an RFP for a new auditing firm.
2. The state will not withhold funds as this is solely an auditing firm issue.

F. Maine Clean School Bus Program

1. Richard Joseph with some assistance from Dan Higgins are working on a grant application for electric buses.

G. [Mt. Blue Middle School CTE Expansion Proposal](#)

<i>Motion to approve the concept for the Bjorn Career and Technical Education Center</i>	Yeas: Nays: Abstained: Vote:	Motion: Debbie Smith Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Second was withdrawn Motion was very reluctantly withdrawn
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Discussion was shared by all Board Members that they approve of the concept and appreciate the opportunity in front of them. Questions about whether more local funding will be needed, and if there is potential for Maine DOE funding in the future. Further discussion was heard requesting the board hold off on voting to gain a better understanding of future local costs. Given that the agenda item was added during Adjustments to the agenda, it would not be procedurally appropriate to move the item forward tonight for a vote.

The item is tabled and will be included on the next agenda (June 23).

IX. Administrator Reports

A. [McKinney-Vento](#), Lisa Sinclair, McKinney-Vento Liaison

Laura Columbia filled in for Lisa S.

B. [Curriculum](#), Laura Columbia, Director of Curriculum

1. Discussion was heard regarding opportunities for the 'local' history of the different towns to be part of the curriculum and around the teacher evaluation system.

X. Presentations

A. [Jobs for Maine Graduates](#) - Matt Reynolds, JMG Master Specialist, and Students

1. The presentation included information on the program initiatives, process used, data collection, steps taken, and items to promote for next year. As well as an explanation of the budget process.
2. Discussion and questions were heard regarding funding sources through Full Plates Full Potential, with the possibility of funding it in the future. JMG is offered to 9-12 graders, and the meetings occur during the school day, with some outside school events. The Backpack program was supported

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires
- B. Board Minutes from [May 10, 2022](#), and [May 24, 2022](#),
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 1. [Operations Committee](#) - June 7, 2022
 2. [Personnel & Finance Committee](#) - June 7, 2022
 3. [Educational Policy Committee](#) - June 7, 2022

<i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Judith Kaut, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 10:0:0 (615:0:0)	Motion: Kirk Doyle Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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Discussion - None

XII. New Business

- A. Strategic Planning
 1. [Planning Process Summary](#)
 2. Drafts
 - a) [Goals](#)
 - b) [Strategic Objectives](#)
 - c) [Core Learning Principles](#)
 3. Review & discussion

Everyone felt they had plenty of time to read through the

completed work and that they had been kept up-to-date.
Board Members felt confident in the work shared, the
processes used and the next steps

4. Next steps

<i>Motion to approve the GOALS, STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES and the Core Learning Principles as presented.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Judith Kaut, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 10:0:0 (615:0:0)	Motion: Deeb Robinson Seconded: Scott Erb Motion:
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Discussion was heard around thanking Lisa Laflin for her continual updates.

- B. Can or should we reschedule the last Board Meeting in June
1. Is scheduled for June 28th, when Supt Elkington will be at a conference in FL.
 2. Can we reschedule for some final business on Thursday, June 23rd, or should we have a district administrator w/Superintendent Certificate stand in for me?

<i>Motion to move the board meeting from June 28th to June 23rd.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Judith Kaut, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 10:0:0 (615:0:0)	Motion: Gloria McGraw Seconded: Deb Smith Motion:
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Discussion included a couple of questions.

- C. Should Sub-Committee meetings have a ZOOM option while gas prices are so high?
1. Discussion was on the traveling cost. The Board wants to wait until the new school board members can be part of the discussion.
 2. Item Tabled until the July 12th school board meeting.

D. CTE Personnel Infrastructure and Equipment Grant - Elkington

1. [Conditional Contract Award Letter](#)

<i>Motion to approve the CTE Personnel Infrastructure and Equipment Grant</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Judith Kaut, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 10:0:0 (615:0:0)	Motion: Dee Robinson Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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Discussion - None

E. Second and Final Reading of Board Policies

1. JLC: Wellness Policy

- a) [Revised Draft JLC](#) (6-7-22)
- b) [Clean copy of JLC](#) for approval

<i>Motion to approve the second and final reading of Board Policy JLC: Wellness Policy</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Judith Kaut, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Betsey Hyde Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 10:0:0 (644:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed
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As requested, Superintendent Elkington clarified the expectations and replaced words that have negative connotations.

F. Rehire W.G. Mallett School Principal

1. 11-month Contract
2. Maine law provides that an administrator "may be restored to service as a classroom-based employee or school administrator in a school...in one-year contracts, which may be non-consecutive." 5 M.R.S.A. § 17859(1-A)(A)
(<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/5/title5sec17859.html>).

<i>Motion to rehire Tracy Willims as the principal of W.G. Mallett School on a prorated 11-month contract with a</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Judith Kaut, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins,	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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<i>starting date of August 1, 2022</i>	Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Betsey Hyde Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 10:0:0 (644:0:0)	
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Discussion - None

XIII. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) - Labor Contract discussion.

<i>Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) to discuss a Labor Contract</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Judith Kaut, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Betsey Hyde Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 10:0:0 (644:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed
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Discussion - None

Time entered: 8:08pm

Time exited: 8:14pm

XIV. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) - Evaluation of Superintendent

<i>Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss the evaluation of the superintendent</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Judith Kaut, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Betsey Hyde Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 10:0:0 (644:0:0)	Motion: Kirk Doyle Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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Discussion - None

Time entered: 8:15 pm

Time exited: 8:54pm

XV. Adjourn

<i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i>		Motion: Motion passed without objection
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Adjourned at 8:55pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

June 28, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

July 12, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - August 2, 2022 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - August 2, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - August 2, 2022 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Operations - September 6, 2022 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

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

Educational Policy - September 6, 2022 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus