

# ***Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors***

## **Minutes**

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**DATE:** June 23, 2022

**Place:** The Forum

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Meeting Video:** <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

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**In attendance:** Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce (entered at 6:37pm), Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Debbie Smith, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Rep)

**Absent:** Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Mark Prentiss

**Also present:** Laura Columbia, Chris Elkington, Nichole Goodspeed, Jennifer Pooler

- I. Called to Order at 6:33pm
  - II. Pledge of Allegiance
  - III. Adjustments to the Agenda
    - A. Add Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Employment of Officials
      1. Add between New Business items F. and G.
  - IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
    - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
      - Preamble
    - B. Board Meeting Reflections as Chair
      1. Special thanks to board members who will be exiting the board after tonight’s meeting: Kirk Doyle (Farmington), Doug Dunlap (Farmington), Cherieann Harrison (Wilton), Mark Prentiss, and Betsey Hyde (Temple - serving through August).
  - V. Communications
    - A. None
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- VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators
  - A. Debbie Smith presented the Staff Member of the Month awards for May on Friday, June 17, the last day of school - an awesome way to close out the year.
  - B. Josh Robbins welcomed Abigail Goodspeed as a student representative to the Board.
  - C. Chris Elkington welcomed Abigail Goodspeed and thanked Chair Carol Coles for her leadership during the past year.
- VII. Public Comment
  - A. None
- VIII. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Christian Elkington
  - A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
  - B. COVID Updates
  - C. Fuel Bidding Update
  - D. Teacher Workforce Grant Update
  - E. Electing the New Chair Process
  - F. Board Review Orientation scheduled for Sept. 27, 2022
    - 1. 1-hour board business / 1-hour of workshop with MSMA
  - G. Student Board Member Update (Chair Coles)
- IX. Administrator Reports
  - A. None
- X. Presentations
  - A. [Our Learning Environment and Culture](#) (Summary of our work with Great Schools Partnership) - Laura Columbia, Angela Ostiguy, Judith Kaut, Liz LeClair
- XI. Consent Agenda
  - A. New Hires
  - B. Board Minutes from [June 14, 2022](#)
  - C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
    - 1. Operations Committee - None
    - 2. Personnel & Finance - None
    - 3. Educational Policy - None

<i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Debbie Smith Seconded: Gloria McGraw Motion: Passed
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No discussion

## XII. New Business

### A. Review and Approval of [Mt. Blue Middle School "Probable" Donor CTE Expansion Offer](#) - Elkington

#### 1. Questions?

<i>Motion to approve the Mt. Blue Middle School CTE Next Steps as outlined in the Superintendent's 6/14/2022 Presentation</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Debbie Smith Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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No discussion

### B. Computation and Declaration of Votes - Elkington

<i>BE IT VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 14, 2022 and attached hereto be approved; That the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 9; That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Betsey Hyde Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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<i>to each of the municipal clerks within the RSU; and That the foregoing Computation and Declaration shall be signed by a majority of the School Board, and that these signatures may be made electronically, by execution of counterparts, or in person at the convenience of the members of the School Board.</i>		
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No discussion

#### C. Assessment Warrants and Installment Schedules - Elkington

<i>Motion that the Warrant for Assessment of Tax and the Assessment Schedule and notice of Installments for each member municipality prepared by the Treasurer for fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 be approved and be issued in form presented to this meeting; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to deliver to each member municipality its Warrant for Assessment of tax and its Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments.</i>	Yeast: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Dee Robinson Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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No discussion

#### D. Authorization of Superintendent to hire professional and support staff through the summer - Elkington

<i>Motion to approve the Superintendent to hire</i>	Yeast: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne	Motion: Debbie Smith Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed
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<i>professional and support staff through the summer.</i>	Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	
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No discussion

E. Authorization to transfer funds between cost centers for the 2021-2022 Budget

<i>Motion to conditionally authorize the transfer of amounts not exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any school budget cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the total authorized school budget, pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 1485(4)</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Gloria McGraw Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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Discussion was heard regarding the over or under 5% transfer and why the board has to take action on this. The Board is given the authority to do this by the voters which then allows the Superintendent to request it. Since it is before year-end, the amounts and lines are not known where the transfers will occur at this time.

F. 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, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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No discussion

Time entered: 7:41pm

Time exited: 7:48pm

<i>Motion to approve a new three-year contract 2022-2025 between the RSU 9 Administrators and the RSU 9 School Board</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: Cherieann Harrison, Lisa Laflin Abstained: None Vote: 11:2:0 (668:115:0)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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No discussion

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

<i>Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss the Employment of Officials</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Deb Smith Motion: Passed
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No discussion

Time entered: 7:51pm

Time exited: 7:59pm

<i>Motion to hire Kevin Bremner as the RSU 9 Director of Technology effective July 1, 2022 in accordance with the terms in the 2022-2025 Mt. Blue Administrators Collective Bargaining Agreement.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None	Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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	Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	
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No discussion

#### H. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Evaluation of the 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, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Cherieann Harrison Motion: Passed
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No discussion

Time entered: 8:01pm

Time exited: 8:25pm

#### I. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Employment of the Superintendent

<i>Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss the employment of the superintendent</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Cherienn Harrison Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed
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No discussion

Time entered: 8:26pm

Time exited: 8:32pm

<i>Motion to approve a two-year contract extension for the Superintendent through the 2025-2026 school year, as well as a one-time payout of seven days vacation at the per diem rate for vacation days not taken during the 2021-22 school year.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 13:0:0 (783:0:0)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Cherieann Harrison Motion: Passed
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XIII. Adjourn

<i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i>		Motion: Carol Coles  Motion passed without objection
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Adjourned at 8:33pm

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**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

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

July 26, 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