

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

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DATE: June 27, 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, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Ella Mayhew (Student Member), Richard Ruhlin

Absent: Irv Faunce, Janice David, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member), Charles Hinds, Debbie Smith

Also present: Monique Poulin, Doug Hodum, Melissa Williams, James Black, Chris Elkington, Laura Columbia, Alison Gamache, Joel Smith, Greg Henderson, Chris Davis, Galen Dalrymple

- I. Call to Order
 - A. 6:35
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
- IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - 2022-2023 Reflections
 - Retiring Board Member Recognition
 - Chip Hinds, Irv Faunce, and Wayne Kinney
 - Thank you to Carol Coles for her service as board chair.
- V. Communications
 - A. Staff Members of the Month for June
 - 1. Support Staff: Michael Turner
 - 2. Professional Staff: Deb Muise
- VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators
 - A. Laura Columbia, Director of Curriculum, shared the start of summer programming next week.

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- B. Monique Poulin, Principal at MBC, thanked Ella Mayhew and Abigail Goodspeed, for representing the student body and ensuring that their voices are heard. Abigail Goodspeed also serves on the Maine Student Body Cabinet, and met recently regarding student mental health concerns.
 - C. Chris Elkington, Superintendent, thanked all that have served on hiring committees.
 - D. Gloria McGraw, board member, recognized that Marshall Thombs passed away, and that he had an important part/role in MSAD 9/ RSU 9's history and work supporting students.

VII. Public Comment

- A. None

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Board Reorganization Process
- C. Franklin County Commissioners Approve
- D. Impact 2032 Endorsement
- E. 3rd Quarter State-wide Threat Reporting
 - There were none reported in Franklin but there were a couple of reports in counties near us.

IX. Presentations

- None

X. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
- B. [6-13-2023 Board Agenda minutes](#)
- 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, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins,	Motion: Dee Robinson Seconded: Rich Rhulin Motion: Passed
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	Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)	
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XI. New Business

A. Computation and Declaration of Votes - Elkington

- *BE IT VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 13, 2023 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 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>Motion to approve Section A as written above.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)	Motion: Rich Rhulin Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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B. 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</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins,	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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<i>member municipality prepared by the Treasurer for fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 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>	Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)	
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C. Authorization of Superintendent to hire professional and support staff through the summer - Elkington

<i>Motion to approve the Superintendent to hire professional and support staff through the summer.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Josh Robbins Motion: Passed
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D. Authorization to transfer funds between cost centers for the 2022-2023 Budget - Elkington

<i>Motion to conditionally authorize the transfer of</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith	Motion: Josh Robi Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed
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<p><i>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 2022-2023 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></p>	<p>Kaut, Greg Kimber, Josh Robbins, Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)</p>	
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Conditionally means that the Board will be informed by the Superintendent and will be able to ask questions.

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

1. Discussion

<p>Motion to change the name of Director of Instruction to Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Curriculum, & Grants</p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Alexander Creznic Motion: Passed</p>
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F. [6-29-2023 Blue Crew Trip Approval](#)

<p>Motion to approve trip as presented.</p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria</p>	<p>Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Josh Robbins Motion: Passed</p>
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	McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)	
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G. Policy Review

1. Second Reading of Board Policy:

- a. [JKD-R Student Suspension Regulation](#)
- b. Discussion of change, prior to given suspension, IEPs, and 504s will be reviewed. Correction to the small grammatical error.

<i>Motion to approve JKD-R as amended.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robbinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: Judith Kaut Abstained: 0 Vote: 11:1:0 (703:76:0)	Motion: Josh Robbins Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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H. [Administrator Contract Change for the 2023 - 2025 Years](#) - Elkington

1. Review
2. Discussion

Motion to approve the Administrator Contract Change as presented.	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robbinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)	Motion: Richard Rhulin Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed
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I. RSU 9 Retire & Rehires for the 2023 - 2024 School Year

1. Maine law provides that staff/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>).
2. W.G. Mallett School Principal - Tracy Williams
3. Foster Tech Center (FTC) Teacher - Chris Brinkman

<i>Motion to rehire Tracy Williams as the principal of W.G. Mallett School for the 2023-2024 school year</i> <i>And to rehire Chris Brinkman as a teacher at FTC for the 2023-2024 school year</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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J. Hire MBHS Interim Assistant Principal for MBHS - Elkington

Motion to appoint, Gregory Henderson as the Interim Assistant Principal at MBHS for the 2023-2024 School Year	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: Alexander Creznic Vote: 12:0:1 (695:0:84)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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K. Foster Tech Center (FTC) Assistant Director Reorganization Plan - Elkington

1. [Plan](#)
2. Discussion was heard around aptitude testing/career development questions. Will be brought up in a July board meeting.

Motion to approve the Foster Tech Center (FTC) Assistant Director Reorganization Plan	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)	Motion: Richard Rhulin Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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L. 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	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)	Motion: Richard Rhulin Seconded: Dee Robinson Motion: Passed
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Entered at 7:17 pm
Exited 7:50 pm

M. Foster Tech Center (FTC) Assistant Director Nominations

Motion to appoint, Galen Dalymple, as the Assistant Director for Students, Operations, & Finance at FTC for the 2023-2024 School Year	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: Judith Kaut Vote: 11:0:1 (703:0:76)	Motion: Richard Rhulin Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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Motion to appoint, Chris Davis, as the Assistant Director for Program & Staff Development, Community Outreach, Instructional Integration and Grants at FTC for the 2023-2024 School Year	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Judith Kaut Nays: 0 Abstained: Alexander Creznic, Vote: 11:0:1 (695:0:84)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Josh Robbins Motion: Passed
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N. [Remote Board Meetings Option](#)

1. Review & Policy Draft (BED)
 - a. Request was made by Board Member Janice David to discuss allowing RSU 9 Board Meetings to be attended virtually by Board Members.
 - b. Board Chair Coles gave a review of the request, previous discussions on this subject by the Board and logistical questions.
2. Discussion
 - a) Concerns were heard regarding the complexity of Zoom/virtual attendance, and hybrid meetings. Other opinions were heard regarding the difficulty along with how the legislature made this happen. Feedback and concerns were also shared regarding participation in discussions that are held.
 - b) Policy was referred to, as well as the difference between excused and unexcused absences.
3. Next steps
 - a) No motion for change was made.

O. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) - Disposition of Property

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria	Motion: Richard Rhulin Seconded: Alexander Creznic Motion:
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§405(6)(C) - Disposition of Property	McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)	
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Entered: 8:10 pm

Exited: 8:48 pm

P. Space needs for RSU 9 - Elkington

1. Review
 - a) Central Office
 - b) MBC for MBHS and FTC
2. Options
3. Next steps

<i>Motion to authorize the superintendent to use ESSER Funds to finalize a move into leased space with a focus on possible leased space in Wilton at the former Bass Factory starting this August for up to five years.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: Gloria McGraw Abstained: J.Wayne Kinney Vote: 10:1:1 (611:84:84)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Alexander Creznic Motion: Passed
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Q. Motion to extend the meeting.

<i>Motion to extend the meeting to 9:00 pm.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)	Motion: Rich Ruhlin Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed
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R. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) - Evaluation of Superintendent

<i>Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Evaluation of Superintendent</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (779:0:0)	Motion: Rich Ruhlin Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion:Passed
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Entered: 8:54 pm

Exited: 9:07 pm

XII. Adjourned without exception at 9:08 pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

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