

MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Operations Committee

Agenda NOTES

June 3, 2025 | 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

Members Present: Scott Erb, Debbie Smith

Members Absent: Amanda Caruso, Lance Harvell, Gerald Provencher

Other Members Present: Jeff Barnum

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other Staff Present: Nicole Ibarguen

1. Call Meeting to Order - Chair Erb

- a. Meeting called to order at 5:11
- b. No quorum present but agreed to hold meeting

2. Previous Committee Minutes- [05/6/2025](#) - Chair Erb

- a. Approved at 5.13.25 Board meeting
- b. Questions? None.

3. Updates - Ibarguen

- a. Work progress
 - i. [FY 25 Operations & Building Projects](#)
 - 1. Review
 - a. Spreadsheet updated with details.
 - 2. District-wide winter heating/leak issues
 - a. Reviewed at the last meeting.
- b. 10 Yr Planning Committee
 - i. Summer plan?
 - 1. Meeting on 6/11 to finish assessment reviews.
 - 2. Hope to meet again in August to start crafting the plan due in Nov.
- c. Buildings
 - i. AHS/Cushing
 - 1. Sped Programming
 - a. Moving forward with the room and playground adjustments.
 - b. Collaborating with Cynthia Bernstein and Mike Hanson.
 - ii. Adult Ed
 - 1. Minor upgrades being completed by maintenance.
 - iii. CBS
 - 1. Steve "Heath" Tree

- a. Tree planting ceremony was held last week acknowledging his 51 years in RSU #9!
- iv. CCHS
 - 1. Leach field
 - a. Next steps?
 - i. Even though Taylor Construction is being sold, the plan will move forward at the same cost.
 - ii. Will be on site 6/16 with heavy equipment.
 - iii. We had to change septic contractors, and they continue to pump the system.
- v. Mallett
 - 1. Water heater
 - a. All materials have been ordered and will be installed by Speciality Services.
 - 2. Other?
 - a. Meeting tomorrow to go over equipment in the district reviewing preventative maintenance plans.
 - b. Playground drain covers were a concern, but maintenance came up with a solution and they are upgraded.
- vi. MBMS
 - 1. Basement
 - a. Installing new hallways pipes and ductwork.
 - 2. Possible "Mini-Flush"
 - a. Sprinkler Systems Inc. will come for a site visit, and we hope that within the scope of the quote, they can do a flush in the C wing. Maintenance will support them with some labor to reduce cost.
 - 3. Gym
 - a. None
 - 4. Culinary space
 - a. Equipment is installed. Working on a solution to the wrong freezer being delivered.
 - 5. Kitchen expansion
 - a. Will start when school is out for the summer.
 - 6. Bjorn Roof
 - a. Repaired and no leaks so far. Winter will be the test.
- vii. MBC
 - 1. FTC Building
 - a. Do not need another permit due to our educational status.
 - 2. Gym
 - a. None
 - 3. Water heater
 - a. None

2. NEW - Ibarguen

- a. Staff Openings
 - i. PT school year only at GDC; FT maintenance; Custodian at MBMS with bus license; Lead custodian at MBMS
- b. Fire pumps review (Schools) “churn test”
 - i. Liberty Mutual walk through last week recommended this. Sprinkler Systems has been contacted regarding next steps to train our people.
- c. Funding available at the end of the year:
 - i. What kind of projects would get done?
 - 1. AHS Intercom Issue (\$14,800)
 - a. Need to address for safety purposes and recommend to take from FY25 funds
 - 2. Mallett Hot Water Heater (\$45,000)
 - a. Recommend to take funds from FY25
 - ii. AHS Adaptive skills (\$33,000)
 - 1. Recommend to take funds from FY25
 - iii. Finish phone system (\$48,338)
 - 1. Will purchase the remaining phones
 - a. Recommend to take funds from FY25
 - 2. Price has gone up 20% because of tariffs
 - 3. Was a summer job but they can do it now.
 - iv. Vote?
 - 1. Scott Erb and Debbie Smith were in favor.
 - 2. Scott will send an email to committee members to see if they are in support via email.
- d. Other?
 - i. Email sent regarding moving 6/24 board meeting to 6/23?
 - 1. Jeff Barnum and Scott Erb can make it.
 - ii. Kudos to Nicole Ibarguen on her reports this year they have been quite informative!

4. Next Mtg. August 5, 2025

5. Adjourned at 5:41

6. Future Agenda Items

- Ten Year Maintenance Plan
 - [Building Assessments](#)
 - [Projects already completed](#)