

MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Personnel & Finance Committee

Agenda NOTES

June 3, 2025 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

Members Present: Jeff Barnum, Greg Kimber, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin

Members Absent: Gloria McGraw

Other Members Present:

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other Staff Present:

1. Call Meeting to Order - Chair McGraw

- a. Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Josh Robbins at 6:03.

2. Previous Committee Minutes- [05-06-2025](#) - Chair McGraw

- a. Approved at 5.13.25 Board meeting
- b. Any questions? None

3. [24-25 Warrant Schedule](#) - Elkington

- a. Questions?
 - i. Kimber and McGraw this week.
 - ii. As necessary, reach out to Jody Harmon this week with questions given that Alison is on vacation.

4. Updates - Gamache

- a. FY26 Budget
 - i. Additional funds (\$150,000 added at District Mtg.) review & discussion
 - 1. CE recommends only replacing 5th grade position at CBS at this time
 - 2. ["New" Town Assessments](#)
 - 3. Other possibilities TBD by the end of July
 - a. Would be based on possible move-ins increasing class size etc.
 - 4. Does the Board need to send this message out?
 - a. How?
 - b. Superintendent can share that in his memo to staff and community.
 - 5. Discussion
 - a. How much will we have left over if we fill one position? About half will remain.

- b. CE will come to the board with recommendations next week. These would be one year positions.
 - c. Suggested that we wait as long as possible to make determinations.
 - d. What will happen with federal funds? We have received Title I and are waiting on Title II and Title IV.
 - e. Community members left thinking that we would be hiring two teachers. Superintendent did share that we would wait as long as possible to look at all school numbers. Committee agreed this makes sense moving forward. This allows the district the flexibility to make decisions based on data.
 - f. Smaller schools make it more difficult to balance class size numbers.
 - b. [24-25 Monthly Budget Update](#)
 - i. May Review
 - ii. End of year outlook
 - 1. Anticipated balance will likely be higher than we thought because of savings in special education.
 - 2. This summer, Special Education budget lines for the last three years will be reviewed to see if there is a pattern.
 - iii. Special Ed Revenue
 - 1. System to bill MaineCare was slow to build, but it is gaining momentum with revenue reimbursement.
 - 2. Related, we received more funding last week through the formula for out of district placement.
 - iv. Questions
 - 1. Do we anticipate getting the reimbursement from the insurance company in this fiscal year? Yes, it would go to our Operations line.
 - c. Net Energy Billing
 - i. Two Bills which will hurt us in Augusta
 - 1. [LD32](#)
 - 2. [LD257](#)
 - ii. Update?
 - iii. Questions
 - 1. These impact net energy credits and personal property exemptions.
 - 2. Would this impact the agreement or the accounting on our end? Chris will research this.
 - d. Paying teachers' overtime bill is a concern across the state.
- 5. New - Elkington**
- a. 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 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
 - a. Need to follow up with the supplier-Are these items currently in inventory? Push back on increase in price due to tariffs if so.
 - 3. Was a summer job but...
 - iv. Vote
 - 1. Motion-Josh and seconded by Rich
 - 2. Unanimous
6. Request to move 6/24/25 board meeting to 6/23/25
- a. Rich Ruhlin, Jeff Barnum and Greg Kimber can attend.
7. **Next Meeting** - August 5, 2025?
8. **Adjourned at 6:42.**
9. **Future Agenda Items:**
- 23 Audit Balance Forward
 - RFP