

Mt. Blue Regional School District
Board of Directors Meeting
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Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all

DATE: July 12, 2022

Place: The Forum

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video:

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole?b=zriy7k3ukmqmii6wxv9j>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb (entered at 6:31pm), Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Debbie Smith

Absent: Irv Faunce, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member)

Also present: Nancy Allen, Kevin Bremner, Laura Columbia, Chris Elkington, John Jones, Jennifer Pooler, Monique Poulin

- I. Called to Order and Quorum Declared by Superintendent Elkington at 6:30pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Superintendent Elkington welcomed the new board members - Charles Hinds, New Vineyard; Janice David, Farmington; Alexander Creznic, Farmington; Kyle Fletcher, Wilton; not present Richard Ruhlin, Industry; not present Greg Kimber, Temple (starting in the Fall)
- IV. Reorganization of the Board – Superintendent
 - A. Election of Officers
 1. [6-15-2022 Reorganization Memo](#)
 2. Board Chair - Wayne Kinney nominated Carol Coles as Board Chair

<i>Nomination of Carol Coles as Board Chair</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Betsey Hyde, Judith	Motion: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed
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	Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: Charles Hinds Vote: 12:0:1 (762:0:41)	
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No other nominations or discussion.

Chair Coles took charge of the meeting.

3. Vice-Chair: Gwen Doak nominated Debbie Smith as Vice-Chair

<i>Nomination of Debbie Smith as Vice Chair</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: 0 Vote: 13:0:0 (803:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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No other nominations or discussion.

V. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles

A. Initial Comments from the Chair

1. Chair Coles reported on the work she wants to continue with the school board during the next year.

B. District Committee/Board Assignments and Requests

1. Process for Committee Selection
2. [2021-22 Committee Assignments](#)

C. Special Assignment

1. [Board Committee/Special Assignment Descriptions](#)
 - a) Board members should email Carol Coles requests for committee assignments. She will make every effort to honor first choice requests.

VI. Adjustments to the Agenda

- A. Teacher Evaluation Update - Laura Columbia, Director of Curriculum; Doug Hodum, Mt. Blue Regional School District Education Association,

President - Was supposed to be on the next agenda so tabled until 7/26/22 meeting

VII. Communications

A. [MOA Workforce Development Compact](#)

VIII. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators

- A. Charles Hinds, board member from New Vineyard - remarked on the recent activity of the Supreme Court.
- B. Monique Poulin, principal, MBC - spoke to extended year programming happening on campus right now; summer athletics are busy.
- C. Laura Columbia, director of curriculum - spoke to grades k-11 students participating in extended year programming; glad to see community members in the audience tonight.
- D. Chris Elkington, superintendent - shared thankfulness for the weather, which is allowing many outdoor maintenance projects to be completed this summer. And thankfulness to the maintenance and custodial teams for working throughout the summer on keeping our sites clean and up to date.
- E. Nancy Allen, director of adult education - programming has started; personal support professional training starting in August.
- F. Gloria McGraw, board member from Farmington - be cognizant of using acronyms with board members.
- G. Judith Kaut, board member from New Sharon - question about the need for a diploma for the personal support training offered by adult education - the answer is 'No'.

IX. Public Comment

- A. Chair Coles reiterated the guidelines for public comment.

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Open Positions
- C. Dean of Students (MBC/ESSER Funds)
- D. Federal School Nutrition Update for 22-23
- E. Policy Review Update
- F. State Fiscal RFA Recovery Funds
 - 1. Contract Letter
 - 2. Update

XI. Administrator Reports

A. [Special Services](#) - John Jones, Director of Special Services

1. Director Jones discussed highlights in his report. Coordinators have done a wonderful job providing guidance and technical assistance to new staff during the 21-22 school year. Discussion was heard about the school psychologist position and the statewide shortage that continues. Currently, there are 16 out of district placements and two are in referral status. Discussion regarding how students are best served by a speech pathologist. Hoping to start a unified basketball program at the high school in the fall.

XII. Presentations

- A. None

XIII. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires
B. Board Minutes from [June 23, 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, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: Charles Hinds Vote: 12:0:1 (762:0:41)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

XIV. New Business

- A. Educational Consortium for Telecommunications Savings
1. [Consulting Service Agreement](#)

<i>Motion to approve RSU 9 participation in a service consulting agreement with ECTS.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: Charles Hinds Vote: 12:0:1 (762:0:41)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed
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Discussion was heard regarding the use of the funds - greater infrastructure improvement in the schools and WiFi.

B. Board Meeting Adjustments for 22-23

1. [2022/23 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule](#)
2. Adjustments
 - a) Dec 27th Meeting - Eliminate
 - b) May 23rd - Will be the annual budget meeting

<i>Motion to approve the adjustments shared.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: 0 Vote: 13:0:0 (803:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Gloria McGraw Motion: Passed
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Discussion was heard regarding outstanding committee agenda items from 21/22 and that they will move forward to August 2022.

XV. Adjourn

<i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i>		Motion: Carol Coles Motion passed without objection
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Adjourned at 7:33pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

July 26, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

August 9, 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
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