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Board of Directors Workshop
Tuesday, July 28, 2026 • 5:15 - 6:15pm • MBC Chef's Table
Workshop Session Only — For informational purposes.
No discussion of official business, board action, or voting will occur.

Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 28, 2026 • 6:30pm • MBC Forum
This agenda constitutes official notice of a public meeting of the School Board.
Posted items may be removed, tabled, or in some situations added by a majority vote of the Board.
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School Board Meeting Agenda Minutes

***Action Item - Requires a Vote:** The board must collectively decide to approve, reject, amend, or table the item. Decisions on action items are recorded in the official minutes.*

Members Present: *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner*
Members Absent:
Student Reps Present:
Student Reps Absent: *Rubyanne Alexis, Reed Cousineau, Evan Drake, Brynne Fournier*
Staff Present: *Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin*
Other Staff Present: *Lisa Dalrymple, Joel Smith, James Black, Amy Watson*

School Board Member Core Responsibilities and Requirements - Summary

I. Preliminary Business - *Superintendent presiding as Chair Pro Tem*

These items only require recording the time called to order, attendance/quorum, and any agreed-upon changes- unless a formal motion arises.

A. Call to Order
   1. Time: 6:30
B. Pledge of Allegiance
C. Adjustments to the Agenda
   1. None
D. Reorganization of the Board - BDA, BDB, BEDD
   1. Call for Nominations and Votes - *No seconds required*
      a) *Board Chair *(Superintendent as Chair Pro Tem)*

***Motion:** To nominate Gwen Doak as Board Chair.* **Discussion:**	***Yays:** Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain**: Gwen Doak*	***1st:** Rich Ruhlin* ***2nd:** N/A* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 904* *Nay: 0*

		Abstain:74

2. Call for Nominations and Votes *(Elected Chair)* - *No seconds required*
    a) *Board Vice Chair
    b) *Board Parliamentarian
    c) *Delegate for MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly
    d) *Alternate for MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly

Motion: *To nominate Wayne Kinney as Board Vice Chair.* **Discussion:**	***Yays:*** *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain****: Wayne Kinney*	***1st:*** *Jeff Barnum* ***2nd:*** *N/A* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 894* *Nay: 0* *Abstain: 84*
Motion: *To nominate Rich Ruhlin as Parliamentarian* **Discussion:**	***Yays:*** *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Dina Spenciner* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain****: Rich Ruhlin*	***1st:*** *Wayne Kinney* ***2nd:*** *N/A* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 928* *Nay: 0* *Abstain: 50*
Motion: *To nominate Rich Ruhlin as MSBA Delegate* **Discussion:**	***Yays:*** *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Dina Spenciner* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain****: Rich Ruhlin*	***1st:*** *Wayne Kinney* ***2nd:*** *N/A* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 928* *Nay: 0* *Abstain: 50*
Motion: *To nominate Jeff Barnum as MSBA Alternate Delegate.* **Discussion:**	***Yays:*** *Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain****: Jeff Barnum*	***1st:*** *Patty Hastings* ***2nd:*** *N/A* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 937* *Nay: 0* *Abstain: 41*

II. Informational Reports & Presentations

Minutes requirement: Note that the report/comment occurred. No discussion details or dialogue need to be recorded unless a formal motion arises.

A. Report of the Chairperson *(Elected Chair)*
  1. Welcome and Introductions
     a) Welcome Ruth Gauvin and Doug Hiltz to the Board.
  2. Review of the purpose of Policy BCA - Board Member Code of Ethics

B. Communications - *Christian Elkington*
  1. 2026-2027 Regional School Calendar Approval
  2. Executed Professional Collective Bargaining Agreement
  3. Admin Contract Extensions

C. Public Comment per Policy BEDH *(currently under revision) (Note name and resident town of speakers and general topic only)*
  1. None

D. Good News Stories from the Board & Administrators
  1. Review of Expectations *(Elected Chair)*
  2. We received positive feedback from a community member in Kingfield regarding interactions with the district office and MBMS.
  3. Summer has been busy with summer programming and several opportunities for professional development. Thanks to all involved in facilitating and participating in the learning.
  4. Shout out to custodians and maintenance staff at MBMS for their commitment this summer!
  5. Shout out to all involved in building repairs, summer programming, Communities of Practice

training and curriculum work this summer.

E. Administrator Reports - None

F. Superintendent's Report - *Christian Elkington*

1. Personnel & Staffing Update
2. Active Job Postings
3. US Supreme Court West Virginia Case
4. Student Homelessness Prevention RFP Response RSU 9
5. Six Remnant Defendants Opioid
6. School Safety Enhancement Program
7. Connect Data Integration Platform
8. Fan Behavior Memo
    a) Many thanks to Joel and Cyndi for their work on this.

G. Presentations - None

H. Consent Agenda - **Action Items*

Minutes requirement: One single motion and vote covers all items listed below unless an item is pulled for separate discussion.

1. *Previous Board Meeting Minutes - June 23, 2026
2. *Previous Committee Meeting Minutes - 7.1.26 Emergency Personnel & Finance Meeting
    a) For the purpose of considering Digital Learning Program Hybrid Pathway Budget

Motion: *To approve the consent agenda as presented.* **Discussion:**	***Yays:*** *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak,, Patty Hastings,, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain****: Ruth Gauvin, Doug Hiltz*	***1st:*** *Rich Ruhlin* ***2nd:*** *Angie LeClair* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 820* *Nay: 0* *Abstain: 158*

III. New Business - **Action Items*

Minutes requirement: Record the specific motion, the names of the board members moving/seconding, and the final vote count. Keep discussion summaries to a minimum if required by local policy.

A. *Proposed 2026/27 Standing Committee Meeting Schedule - Operations, Finance, Ed. Policy

Motion: *To approve the standing committees meeting schedule as presented.* **Discussion:**	***Yays:*** *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner, Doug Hiltz, Ruth Gauvin* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain****:*	***1st:*** *Wayne Kinney* ***2nd:*** *Rich Ruhlin* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 978* *Nay: 0* *Abstain: 0*

B. *International Program - Dorms

1. Presentation FYI's
2. Presentation
    a) Lisa Dalrymple and Joel Smith presented the proposal and responded to questions.
    b) Total cost-covered by visiting students-eight in home stay and remainder in dorms.
    c) The district plans to lease two floors (Lockwood Hall) from UMF for $97,897 per year, which will fully cover the facility along with smaller immersion and cultural exchange programs. Students will be charged $14,500 each for boarding, with all costs covered by the ISP.
    d) A full-time staff member will live in the dorm as a dorm parent for the school year to provide full-time supervision. There will also be weekend coverage for supervision.
    e) Security measures include key card access, security cameras, campus police access, clear building signage, and WhatsApp location sharing on student cell phones.
    f) Transportation will be provided using district buses on regular district bus routes. Room arrangements place girls on a different floor than the boys.

Motion: *To approve the Dorms structure for the International Program as presented* **Discussion:**	***Yays:*** *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain****:*	***1st:*** *Rich Ruhlin* ***2nd:*** *Angie LeClair* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 978* *Nay: 0* *Abstain: 0*

C. Policy Work - None

Executive Session - **Action Items*

Minutes requirement: State the exact statutory citation, the time entered, the time exited, and any votes taken upon returning to public session.

D. *Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Appointment of Officials

Motion: *To go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of the New Principal of Academy Hill & Cushing Schools.* **Discussion:** Entered at: 7:26, Exited at: 7:44	***Yays:*** *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain****:*	***1st:*** *Rich Ruhlin* ***2nd:*** *Jeff Barnum* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 978* *Nay: 0* *Abstain: 0*

E. *Appointment of Amy Watson Preston as the New Principal of Academy Hill & Cushing Schools for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion: *To approve Amy Watson Preston as the New Principal of Academy Hill & Cushing Schools.* **Discussion:**	***Yays:*** *Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner* ***Nays:*** ***Abstain****:*	***1st:*** *Wayne Kinney* ***2nd:*** *Patty Hastings* ***Weighted Vote:*** *Yay: 978* *Nay: 0* *Abstain: 0*

IV. Adjournment

A. Adjourn Meeting Without Objection
   1. Time: 7:45

<u>Upcoming Meetings:</u>

Board Meetings @ MBC Forum
1. August 11, 2026 *(No Board Reports)*
2. August 25, 2026 *(No Board Reports)*
3. September 8, 2026 *(Technology, Transportation, Operations)*
4. September 22, 2026 *(Special Services, School Nutrition, Adult Education)*

Committee Meetings - @ District Office
1. August 4, 2026 *(Operations, Finance, Ed. Policy)*
2. September 1, 2026 *(Operations, Finance, Ed. Policy)*