**Agenda Notes**

August 1, 2023

7:00 - 8:15 pm

The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

COMMUNITY | CULTURE | CURRICULUM

Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all

Members: Kyle Fletcher, Alexander Creznic, Amanda Caruso, Debbie Smith, Gwen Doak

Other Board Members Present: Libby Kaut, Carol Coles, Dee Robinson

Staff: Monique Poulin, Christian Elkington

Other Staff Present: None

1. Call Meeting to Order - Superintendent Elkington
	1. At 7:00 pm
2. Elect New Chair - Elkington
	1. Nominations
		1. Kyle Fletcher nominated Gwen Doak.
	2. Discussion
		1. None
	3. Vote
		1. 5-0 Unanimous

New Chair Gwen Doak took charge of the meeting.

1. Elect Vice Chair - New Chair Gwen Doak
	1. Nominations
		1. Kyle Fletcher nominated Debbie Smith.
	2. Discussion
		1. None
	3. Vote
		1. 5-0 Unanimous
2. Review Committee Minutes - Doak
	1. None
3. Keep a 75 Min time frame? - Elkington
	1. Discussed that the extra time worked well the last two years.
	2. Would be good to not have to rush through and so no opposition
	3. Pros and cons for longer or shorter
		1. Strategic Plan will be updated at this committee
		2. Backlog of board policies will require a continued heavy agenda.
4. Updates - Poulin
	1. EYP & ESY
		1. Well attended by students overall with a successful summer session. Will share more overall data at a future meeting.
	2. Grant work
		1. Submitted the big ESEA grant today.
	3. Staff return to school planning
		1. Planning is in the works
		2. New staff orientation is scheduled for 8/21
		3. New teacher PD is scheduled for 8/22
5. Major Initiatives/Committee work - Poulin/Elkington
	1. 10 yr. Tech Plan
		1. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hWO5AUvoqt_m6VoljNE2SUFfndIHOiNHbZRNq-dqgYA/edit?usp=sharing>
			1. A draft plan was created in February/March of last year with a few tweaks recently made. See link.
		2. Next Steps
			1. Committee Formed
				1. Timeline

15-16 months to do the planning; will share plans with the board in December/Jan of 24-25 to be part of the budget process starting in 25-26.

Will be seeking parent and student input through the committee, surveys etc.

* 1. SEL
		1. Great School Partnership
			1. SEL
				1. Will continue with our work for the upcoming year with support from GSP through funding from ESSER
				2. Focus is on successful strategies to help students work together and treat all others with respect and dignity.
				3. Will plan to share more information at the next committee meeting.
			2. MBC 2027
				1. Next Steps

Committee Being Formed

When the campus was designed, it was understood that FCTEC and MBHS would be more connected in their instruction and delivery. We will have a focus on this goal throughout the year with support from GSP. Will organize this with representatives from both entities.

Where does Adult Ed fit in with the campus collaboration plan?

It is a natural piece of working with MBHS.

Timeline

The hope is to have a final in-process working plan by 2027.

* 1. Calendar Committee
		1. Discussions w/Association
			1. Will plan to create a committee to review the current daily, weekly, and monthly calendars to look at ways to better support teachers to be better instructors by having more time to work together. Time is the greatest factor, although we have the shortest school day in the state. We will need to work on possible parameters, with representatives from the board, administration and teachers. Need to have action items and a timeline. This is based on finding time for teachers to plan and collaborate. The board sets the length of the school day. There could be an impact financially.
	2. Attendance Committee
		1. Admin Planning
			1. This is a top priority for our schools and directly impacts student success and SEL. We will be digging into this topic this year. We want to close the gap in working better with families in a more supportive fashion.
1. Policy Work - Elkington
	1. 22-23 [Policy Reviews](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Qc-A1290KNwsAeaEMpX3VhuxNts2QTva/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117114356732858938937&rtpof=true&sd=true)
		1. Work Completed in 22-23
			1. About 80 policies and procedures were reviewed and adjusted last year. Phew!
	2. Monthly Policy Review Doc
		1. [Potential 23-24 Policy Work](https://docs.google.com/document/d/194E3vhBs1W4mlBLnu6TUsJSfn1ncyEJr/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117114356732858938937&rtpof=true&sd=true)
		2. Review/Discussion
			1. Proposing the review of about 55 policies this year through the suggested month by month schedule.
		3. Approval?
			1. It was agreed to move forward with this plan.
		4. There was a discussion about a policy that had been discussed in June with regards to court-ordered community service while serving as a board member. This suggested policy is not on the list for creation or review as it is not found anywhere in the state. This was supported by the committee.
	3. Policy Folders
		1. Review (No meaningful changes)
			1. [BEA School Board Use of Electronic Mail](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T9CPSiAz4LSTgqCxJvcg6tY0FZ1iG6mm/view?usp=sharing)
				1. Up-to-date

No suggested changes

Will add reviewed on 8/1/23-consensus

* + 1. Basic Updates and Changes
			1. [BEDH Public Participation in Board Meetings](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ir3D5ksfhGBxX3lhRUK3y_94tmuPR0YE/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117114356732858938937&rtpof=true&sd=true)
				1. Slight review
				2. Minor wording changes per MSMA

Adjustments were explained.

Will add reviewed on 8/1/23-consensus (later decided by committee Chair Doak & Superintendent Elkington to bring it to the Board.)

* + 1. Brand New
			1. RSU 9 does not have these and they are suggested to have
			2. [BEB School Board Use of Social Media](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KNhG9q7CVfE8r0Tpck7WuxIxw-UY2CMA/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117114356732858938937&rtpof=true&sd=true)
				1. Review

Please review and be prepared to discuss at our next meeting.

Be generic with “social media platforms”.

A suggested not mandatory policy.

* + - * 1. Questions?
				2. Next Steps?
			1. [BHC Board Relationships and Communications with Staff](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dhnw7mgI0jpWtZR6GyfTp1Q3LMZjH7Sq/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117114356732858938937&rtpof=true&sd=true)
				1. Review

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* + - * 1. Questions?
				2. Next Steps?
		1. Deeper Changes
			1. [ACAAA Transgender and Gender Expansive Students](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Mj0k62GVXCo_vh6cLHiXZs865kdStBY7/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117114356732858938937&rtpof=true&sd=true)
				1. Why is this an expectation to have?

State statute settled law and Human Rights Commission stance and per our law firm’s suggestion.

* + - * 1. Suggestion has been made to change from guideline to policy.
				2. Review

If a student requests a change to their name and/or gender in school records without *parental approval*, the Superintendent should be consulted and the matter resolved on a case by case basis.

What goes into this?

We will invite the school counseling office to share the Name Change Protocol that has been crafted and implemented.

Gender assigned at birth was questioned as to why the term “assigned at birth” is used.

Question about involving parents in the discussion if the student does not want their parents involved.

Deserves a significant amount of time at a future meeting.

* + 1. Remove
* None
1. Next Mtg. Sept 5, 2023
2. Adjourned at 8:27 pm without objection
3. Future Agenda Items -
* Volunteer Hour expectations for school boards
* Building Use Discussion
	+ Has had many changes over the last ten years
	+ Do you want staff to be like nonprofits around custodial cleanup and costs?
	+ [KF:](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IdHimbACiWJq-dxWKP2vqQwDomAhRLzB/view?usp=share_link) Community Use of School Facilities
	+ [KF-R1:](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_EJRGKXU60XTXASrwoIBvGvSx_tt33A2/view?usp=share_link) Community Use of School Facilities - Regulations
* Phonics, Mystery Science, & Math Book implementation/transition
* Curriculum Rotation Plan
* Elementary World Language update
* Grant Updates:
	+ Transitions & Goals
		- Community Schools
		- ESEA
		- Nurse Paperwork Support
		- ESSER
		- Special Ed.
		- BARR
		- Other?