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Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 • 6:30pm • MBC Forum

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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.*

School Board Member Core Responsibilities and Requirements - [Summary](#)

Members Present: Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner

Members Absent: Katie Martikke

Student Reps Present:

Student Reps Absent: Start Sept, 2026

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Jen Ladd, Carrie Thurston

Other Staff Present: Stacey Gilbert, Joel Smith, Nichole Goodspeed, Cynthia Bernstein

I. Preliminary Business

- A. Call to Order at 6:31 pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Adjustments to the Agenda
 1. [MBHS Cross Country Field Trip](#) Approval - New Business
 - a) Chair Doak added this item to new business #2 as item A and moved the other items to B, C, & D.

II. Informational Reports & Presentations - *Action Items

- A. Report of the Chairperson
 1. [Policy BCA](#) - Board Member Code of Ethics
 - a) B & C
- B. Communications - Christian Elkington
 1. [Governance Communication Letter 6/12/26](#)
 - a) Intent quickly reviewed
- C. Public Comment per [Policy BEDH](#) (currently under revision)
 1. None
- D. Good News Stories from the Board & Administrators
 1. Info on the Tech Conf being held Wed and Thur at MBC was shared.
- E. Administrator Reports - None
- F. [Superintendent's Report](#)
 1. Personnel & Staffing Update
 2. Active Job Postings

3. Summary Report for the CS Grant
 4. Potential Special Education Staffing Needs
 - a) Because of move-ins and IEP changes some additional staff will need to be hired and will come to the Board before being finalized. Funds from MaineCare reimbursement will be used if approved.
 5. K-5 Specialist Schedule Adjustments
 - a) Some schedule concerns have recently come up in grades K-5 that will cause the superintendent to make some schedule adjustments at this late date.
 6. Volunteer for District Safety Committee
 - a) Dina Spenciner from Farmington has agreed to serve. Thank you Dina!
- G. Presentations
1. [Literacy Direction Review](#) - Literacy Coordinator Jen Ladd & Literacy Consultant Carrie Thurston
 - a) The presenters reviewed their presentation, answered questions from the Board and superintendent about the efforts being made to increase the use of the newest science learning and understanding of how students learn to read, the steps being taken to implement change, the PD being shared, early progress being made, how the district is following plans established over time to help staff use the same high-quality instructional strategies so that every student in our elementary schools is offered the same high-quality instruction, along with the importance of data use in grouping strategies (FLEX) and increasing student progress.

III. New Business #1 - *Action Items

A. *Committee Meeting Notes Minutes Approval Process

1. *Proposals

Motion: To approve Option 3 as the process for approving committee notes. Discussion: Multiple comments were made by multiple Board Members about all three proposals.	Yays: Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Doug Hiltz, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner Nays: Jeff Barnum, Wayne Kinney, Patty Hastings, Gerald Provencher, Greg Kimber, Abstain:	1st: Ruhlin 2nd: Leclair Weighted Vote: Yay: 674 Nay: 304 Abstain: 0
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B. *Consent Agenda

1. *Previous Board Meeting Minutes
 - a) [July 28, 2026](#)
2. *Previous Committee Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2026
 - a) [Operations Committee](#)
 - b) [Personnel & Finance](#)
 - c) [Educational Policy](#)

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Discussion: None	Yays: Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain: Jeff Barnum,	1st: Ruhlin 2nd: Hastings Weighted Vote: Yay: 902 Nay: 0 Abstain: 41
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IV. New Business #2 - *Action Items

A. *MBHS Cross Country Field Trip Approval - New Business

1. The trip request was made in June and somehow got overlooked in changing from one year to the next. Any and all volunteers will have to pass the background check to go. Some of the volunteers are waiting on one or two docs.

Motion: To approve the Cross Country Trip as presented.	Yays: Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain: Jeff Barnum,	1st: Hastings 2nd: Ruhlin Weighted Vote: Yay: 902 Nay: 0 Abstain: 41
Discussion: None		

B. *2026-2027 District Physician Appointment

1. Dr. Emily Jacobs - Maine Health Pediatrics - Farmington

a) We are quite fortunate to have Dr. Jacobs continue in this role.

b) Approved by Finance Committee

Motion: To appoint Emily Jacobs as the District Physician for the 26/27 school year.	Yays: Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain:	1st: Robbins 2nd: McGraw Weighted Vote: Yay: 943 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
Discussion: None		

C. *Accept [Donation from Franklin Savings Bank](#) to support for the new Digital Learning Program at MBC

1. The Board shared their thanks. If all funding from the one-time MDOE grant it will go to the Balance Forward or to high fuel costs if need be, determined by the Board.

2. [Thank you Letter](#)

Motion: To accept the donation from Franklin Savings Bank as presented.	Yays: Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain:	1st: Ruhlin 2nd: Robbins Weighted Vote: Yay: 943 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
Discussion:		

D. Policy Work

1. Brand New - (first of two readings)

a) Employee Social Media

(1) [GCFA Draft Employee Social Media Privacy](#)

(2) [GCSB Draft with board changes Employee Use of Social Media](#)

(a) Purpose of docs was reviewed along with some wording adjustments added by Board Members and 1st amendment expectations.

b) Grants and Financial Awards

(1) [DD Grants & Financial Awards](#)

(a) Has been needed for some time to better organize those who apply systemically.

2. Major Revisions - (first of two readings)

a) Public Comment

(1) [BEDH Public Comment](#)

(a) Waiting on final review from committee (8-10-2026)

(i) Will be added/shared Monday night

(b) Multiple enforcement questions were discussed along with 1st amendment rights of the public.

b) Facilities Use

(1) [KF DRAFT REV. Community Use of School Facilities](#)

(2) [KF-R1 DRAFT REV. Community Use of School Facilities - July 2026](#)

(a) Concern was shared regarding clarity of one sentence. The superintendent was directed to make an adjustment for the next meeting.

V. Executive Sessions - *Action Items

A. *Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) -Litigation Update

Motion: To go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) -Litigation Update Discussion: Went in at 8:22 pm/ Out at 8:28	Yays: Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain:	1st: Ruhlin 2nd: Barnum Weighted Vote: Yay: 943 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
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B. *Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) -Labor Contract Discussion

Motion: To go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) -Labor Contract Discussion Discussion: Went in at 8:28 pm/ Out at 8:38 pm	Yays: Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain: Wayne Kinney (not present for vote)	1st: Ruhlin 2nd: Barnum Weighted Vote: Yay: 859 Nay: 0 Abstain: 84
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VI. Adjournment

A. Adjourn Meeting without objection at 8:38 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Board Meetings @ MBC Forum

1. August 25, 2026 (No Board Reports)
2. September 8, 2026 (Technology, Transportation, Operations)
3. September 22, 2026 (Special Services, School Nutrition, Adult Education)
4. October 13, 2026 (AHS/GDCS, CCHS, CBS, WGMS)

Committee Meetings - @ District Office

1. September 1, 2026 (Operations, Finance, Ed. Policy)
2. October 6, 2026 (Operations, Finance, Ed. Policy)