

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

DATE: August 23, 2022

Place: The Forum

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member)

Absent: Josh Robbins

Also present: Keith Acedo, Nancy Allen, James Black, Kevin Bremner, Laura Columbia, Katie Duchesne, Chris Elkington, Nichole Goodspeed, Dan Higgins, John Jones, Richard Joseph, Jennifer Pooler, Melissa Williams

- I. Called to Order at 6:30pm
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. Chair Coles reminded the board about the confidentiality of Executive Sessions.
 - IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - Item C
 - B. The Board has been invited to RSU 9 Employee ‘Opening Day’ on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022 at Mt. Blue Campus
 - V. Communications
 - A. [2022/23 Bus Run Schedule](#)
 - B. [Summer 2022 Facilities Walk-Through Info and Schedule](#)
 - C. Gloria McGraw represented the Board at the RSU 9 Athletic Boosters last night.
 - VI. RSU 9 Good News stories - from the Board or Administrators
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- A. Janice David, Board Member from Farmington - spoke to the 'Free Store' on Mt. Blue Campus run by Kyle Minear and the free food shelves.
- B. Wayne Kinney - Let's wish Libby Kaut a Happy Birthday.
- C. Richard Ruhlin, Board Member from Industry - ran into a young student who was very eager to get back to school.
- D. Superintendent Elkington - Very pleased with the progress we have made with hiring over the summer; we are in a much better position than we were last year at this time.
- E. Laura Columbia, Director of Curriculum - First day of new teacher professional development was today and we received great feedback on it. The first of the four bikes was given to the Economic Status Form raffle winners yesterday; a first grader from WG Mallett.
- F. Melissa Williams, FTC Director - Bridge Academy held an introductory meeting at UMF last week; 22 students in this year's cohort.
- G. John Jones, Director of Special Education - We are only about eight ed techs shy of being fully staffed. Offered professional development for teachers and ed techs last week that appeared to go well.

VII. Public Comment

- A. Matthew Martin, Farmington - Requested that the chair poll the board if they have received his email, who responded, and who has seen a flyer titled 'Gender 101' on the Guidance Office door. Mr. Martin spoke to the flyer and requested its removal.

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. EPA School Bus Rebates: Clean School Bus Program Update Information
 - 1. After much review and work, RSU 9 pulled our application from the program since we could not get the answers necessary to move forward.

IX. Administrator Reports

- A. [Cascade Brook School](#) (CBS) - Nichole Goodspeed, Principal
 - 1. The 'digger' has been fixed in the CBS playground.
 - 2. Excited to bring parents and community members back into our school. Discussion about NWEA testing.
- B. [Foster Career and Technical Education Center](#) (FTC) - Melissa Williams, Director
- C. [Mt. Blue Middle School \(MBMS\) & MBMS Athletics](#) - James Black, Principal & Katie Duchesne, Asst. Principal/Athletic Director
 - 1. Maintenance has done a lot of work at MBMS this summer - the building and grounds look great.
 - 2. Discussion about the Alternative Learning Program and the Day Treatment Program - both programs are fully staffed and ready to go.

3. Middle school sports will be starting just after Labor Day; most of the same coaches are returning. Hoping to have lots of students involved in after-school activities or sports.

D. [Technology/IT Services](#) - Kevin Bremner, Director of Technology

1. IT services is fully staffed.

E. [Transportation](#) - Richard Joseph, Director of Transportation and Custodial Services

1. Shout out to the bus driver and bus aide TEAM! Thanks to the board, families, and community for supporting the transportation department.
2. Discussion about the length of time students are on the bus from pick up to drop off in the morning or evening.

X. Presentations

A. MBMS Project - Elkington

1. Updates
2. [Need for Referendum](#)

XI. Consent Agenda

A. New Hires

B. Board Minutes from [August 9, 2022](#)

C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes

1. Operations Committee - Special Meeting - [August 16, 2022](#)
 - a) Add Travis Tierney's Name by presentation
2. Personnel & Finance - None
3. Educational Policy - None
4. Dropout Prevention - None

<i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (970:0:0)	Motion: Richard Ruhlin Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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No discussion other than to include Travis Tierney in the presentation.

XII. New Business

A. Strategic Planning - Columbia

1. Questions

<p><i>Motion to approve the revisions to the Strategic Planning timeline and format as presented.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: Alexander Creznic, Charles Hinds Abstained: None Vote: 13:2:0 (845:125:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Debbie Smith Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion was heard.

B. [School Water Update & Plan](#) - Higgins

1. Questions

a) None

2. [RSU 9 website](#) with all of the water test results.

<p><i>Motion to approve the plan as presented.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (970:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Rick Ruhlin Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion was heard.

C. State "Back to School" Health Guidelines/Suggestions - Elkington/Columbia

1. [CDC Guidance](#) (dated 8/11/2022)

2. [RSU 9 COVID Guidelines for 22/23](#) - Updated 8/19/2022

3. Questions

a) Clarification there will be no contact tracing done or reported by RSU 9.

b) RSU 9 will distribute a weekly Health Report with positive case counts from school-issued rapid tests and reported by families (no distinction will be made between the two) - similar to how this was reported in the late Spring.

XIII. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) - Advice from legal counsel

<p><i>Motion to enter Executive Session for advice from legal counsel regarding the legal rights and duties of the Board pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E)</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (970:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Richard Ruhlin Seconded: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion was heard.

Time entered: 8:05pm

Time exited: 8:17pm

XIV. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Personnel Issue

<p><i>Motion to enter Executive Session for a personnel issue pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (970:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Dee Robinson Seconded: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion was heard.

Time entered: 8:18pm

Time exited: 8:35pm

XV. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Personnel Issue

<p><i>Motion to enter Executive Session for a personnel issue pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed</p>
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	Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (970:0:0)	
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No discussion was heard.

Time entered: 8:36pm

Time exited: 8:39

XVI. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Personnel Issue

<i>Motion to enter Executive Session for a personnel issue pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Greg Kimber, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (970:0:0)	Motion: Janice David Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

Time entered: 8:39pm

Time exited: 8:59pm

XVII. Adjourn

<i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i>		Motion: Carol Coles Motion passed without objection
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Adjourned at 8:59pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

September 13, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
September 27, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - September 6, 2022 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
Personnel & Finance - September 6, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
Educational Policy - September 6, 2022 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Operations - October 4, 2022 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - October 4, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
Educational Policy - October 4, 2022 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus