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Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, 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.*

Members Present: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner, Greg Kimber

Members Absent: Christina Bobrow, Gerald Provencher, Angie LeClair

Student Reps Present:

Student Reps Absent: Start Sept, 2026

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other Staff Present: Mike Hanson, Galen Dalrymple

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

I. Preliminary Business

A. Call to Order

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. *Adjustments to the Agenda

1. **Communications**

a) **Maine Housing Grant - as item B.4.**

2. **Presentations - Postpone Attendance Data Review**

3. **New Business**

a) ***Adding new positions to Special Ed. - as item A.**

4. ***Executive Session - as item VI**

a) **Negotiations**

Motion: To approve the adjustments to the agenda as presented.

Discussion:

Yays: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner

Nays:

Abstain:

1st: Ruhlin

2nd: Robbins

Weighted Vote:

Yay: **744**

Nay: 0

Abstain:

II. Informational Reports & Presentations - *Action Items

A. Report of the Chairperson

1. [Policy BCA](#) - Board Member Code of Ethics

- a) D & E
- 2. Reminder of the MSMA conference information sent by Katie Merrill. Rich Ruhlin and Gwen Doak will be attending.
- 3. Updates in School Law Conference on September 11. Rich Ruhlin may attend.
- B. Communications - *Superintendent Elkington*
 - 1. [SY 27 RSU 9 Administrative Review Notification Letter](#)
 - 2. Back to School Letter - [Staff](#)
 - 3. Back to School Letter - [Community](#)
 - 4. **Maine Housing Grant**
 - a) [Memo](#)
- C. Public Comment per [Policy BEDH](#) (*currently under revision*)
- D. Good News Stories from the Board & Administrators
 - 1. Ellie Adams, EMT and Firefighting instructor at FCTEC, was awarded the Medal of Valor in recognition of her outstanding bravery and service from the Town of Wilton.
 - 2. Gwen Doak delivered a warm, inspirational welcome on behalf of the school board to launch our Opening Day gathering.
 - 3. The first two days highlighted excellence across the district with continuous years of service and outstanding employee awards presented to deserving staff. We also kicked off our revised and refined Communities of Practice professional learning model on Tuesday.
 - 4. Board members are strongly encouraged to visit the upcoming Open Houses at our schools. In attending them at WGM, AHS, and GDC, one member experienced firsthand a look at the high-quality educational opportunities delivered by our dedicated administrators and staff.
- E. Administrator Reports - None
- F. [Superintendent's Report](#)
 - 1. Personnel & Staffing Update
 - 2. Active Job Postings
 - 3. PRIORITY NOTICE Implementation of Personal Electronic Device Policy
 - 4. Technology & Learning - Current Cell Phone Policies Count - 5.18.2026
 - 5. I love You Guys Info - directional change
- G. Presentations
 - 1. ~~25-26 Attendance Data - Superintendent Elkington~~
 - a) ~~Review, Learnings & Next Steps~~

III. Committee Meeting(s) Notes Review - to be accepted by committee(s) *Action Items

- A. *Ed Policy Meeting - [August 10, 2026](#)
 - 1. Not a full Board motion - voted and accepted by committee vote only to then move forward to consent agenda
 - 2. The Ed Policy Committee voted to move their notes forward to full board.

IV. Consent Agenda *Action Item

- A. *Previous Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. [August 11, 2026](#)
- B. *Previous Committee Meeting Minutes - August 10, 2026
 - 1. [Educational Policy](#)

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented without objection. Discussion: None	Yays: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain:	1st: Ruhlin 2nd: Kinney Weighted Vote: Yay: 744 Nay: 0 Abstain:
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V. New Business *Action Items

- A. *Adding New Positions to Special Education

1. [Memo](#)

- a) There was discussion and questions were answered regarding the details of the request.
- b) There was a request to add longitudinal data of August (summer) transfers to a future board report.

Motion: To approve the addition of the new positions as presented. Discussion:	Yays: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain:	1st: Ruhlin 2nd: Robbins Weighted Vote: Yay: 744 Nay: 0 Abstain:
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B. Board Feedback for MSBA Delegate

1. MSBA resolutions
 - a) [Proposed new resolutions](#)
 - b) [Proposed Substantive Resolutions](#)
 - c) [Proposed Non-Substantive Resolutions](#)
2. We will create Google Docs for each document for board members to share their input.
3. Implementation of the resolutions will take significant work and so that should be considered when sharing feedback.

C. *Policy Work

1. *Brand New - (second 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](#)
 - b) We will consider adding PDF versions in addition to Google Docs for policies going forward.

Motion: To approve the above policies as presented. Discussion:	Yays: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain:	1st: Ruhlin 2nd: Kinney Weighted Vote: Yay: 744 Nay: 0 Abstain:
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c) Grants and Financial Awards

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

Motion: To approve the above policy as presented. Discussion:	Yays: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain:	1st: Kimber 2nd: Martikke Weighted Vote: Yay: 744 Nay: 0 Abstain:
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2. *Major Revisions - (second of two readings)

- a) Public Comment
 - (1) [BEDH Public Comment](#)
- b) Facilities Use
 - (1) [KF DRAFT REV. Community Use of School Facilities](#)
 - (2) [KF-R1 DRAFT REV. Community Use of School Facilities - July 2026](#)

Motion: To approve the above policies as presented.	Yays: Jeff Barnum, Gwen Doak, Ruth Gauvin, Patty Hastings, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain:	1st: Hastings 2nd: Spenciner Weighted Vote: Yay: 744 Nay: 0 Abstain:
Discussion:		

VI. Executive Session *Action Item

- A. *Motion to go into executive session to consider Labor Contract Discussions pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) with Professional Staff & Support Staff

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Discussion:		

*The board took a 5 minute recess at 7:25.

Entered Executive Session at 7:33.

Exited Executive Session at 8:08.

VII. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn Meeting

1. Adjourn without objection at 8:08.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board Meetings @ MBC Forum

1. September 22, 2026 (Special Services, School Nutrition, Adult Education)
2. October 13, 2026 (AHS/GDCS, CCHS, CBS, WGMS)
3. October 27, 2026 (MBMS, MBHS, FTC)

Committee Meetings - @ District Office

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