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Board of Directors Board Meeting Agenda Minutes

DATE: August 27, 2024
PLACE: The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
TIME: 6:30pm
LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

Board members present: Debbie Smith, Gerry Provencher, Dina Spenciner, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Will Jones, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson

Board members absent: Josh Robbins

Student board members present: Adeline Collelo, Brielle Tinker

Student board members absent:

Staff present: Chris Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other staff present: Katie Duchesne, James Black, Joel Smith, Nicole Ibarguen, Chris Davis, Galen Dalrymple, Keith Acedo, Richard Joseph

- I. **Call to Order** - Chair Robinson
 - A. Called to order at 6:30.

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
 - A. None

- IV. **Report of the Chairperson** - Chair Robinson
 - A. [Code of Ethics](#)
 1. D & E

- V. **Communications**
 - A. Superintendent's Back to School Memo (Press Release) - [8.19.24](#)

- B. Chair Robinson shared that if a Board member is interested in attending the MSBA Conference to let Katie Merrill at the District Office know. That there are many, many excellent workshops to attend.
- C. [Maine DOE Assessment Updates](#)

VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators

- A. MBHS/MBC-Students back on campus! Soccer games tonight, the cross country team returned from their training & bonding trip; staff are excited to be back; gym floor has two coats down and is now ready for painting.
- B. MBMS-Nice to have new staff on site; BARR training-25 sixth and seventh grade staff members were involved. Today the staff did training on the My Path-intervention program.
- C. MTSS-district wide training was held this morning at individual schools to kick off one of our professional development focuses for the year.
- D. Welcome back to our current senior school board members! Junior members will join us at the next meeting.
- E. From staff reports, the first new staff days and the two full staff days were well planned and organized. Thanks go to Assistant Superintendent Poulin and staff for this work.
- F. Four board members were present at Opening Day yesterday. It was nice and meaningful to our staff to have this representation present!

VII. Public Comment

- A. None

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Openings as of 8-27-2024
- C. CBS Students and Staff recognized across the state!
- D. Turf Committee Notes
- E. "The kids are not OK - What can we do about it?"
- F. "7 Ways to Teach Kids to Manage Their Own Conflicts"
This article was shared because of its alignment with staff efforts with BARR and SEL.
- G. Superintendent's First Day Presentation
 - There was an acknowledgement from a Board member of the superintendent's efforts to keep board members informed as to all that is going on in our district with the superintendent's report as well as to frequent updates when needed.
 - Chair Robinson was recognized for her remarks at Opening Day. They were very well received and seemed to come from the heart!

IX. Administrator Reports

- A. [Transportation](#) - Director Richard Joseph
 - 1. We are ready!

2. Many are involved in the success of transportation and operations-with many thanks to them!
3. The “Bus Rodeo” training/competition went well with several drivers receiving recognition.
4. Summer work time went well and fast. There was a focus on the district’s Extended Year Program (EYP) and bus maintenance.
5. We still have a few positions open, but everything is covered for tomorrow morning!

X. Presentations

A. MBMS Gym Leak Update - Elkington, Operations Supervisor Ibarguen, MBMS Principal Black

1. Superintendent Elkington reviewed a document covering the MBMS Suppression System Failures.
 - a) No clear answer on why the system did not alert the alarm company..
 - b) We need more information before we can proceed with potential liability.
 - c) Those initially involved have been responsive to the issue.
 - d) ServPro has created a plan to mitigate the air quality issues.
 - e) As the work gets done, air quality testing will continue to occur. We will have a final independent air contractor clear that the area is fine before we occupy it (after the work is done).
 - f) We hope to get into the gym sooner due to the level of impact. The work is underway.
 - g) MBMS has created a plan-Shoutout to staff who have come together to make things work for students. An informational letter was sent to parents and students.
 - h) Upon hearing of the incident, eight hourly and five salary staff members arrived to assist very quickly, on a Sunday, when the damage was discovered.
 - i) This malfunction may be because of aging. Every six months the sprinkler system is checked. Not sure if the sprinkler system was updated during the remodel in the early 2000s. At present it is difficult to gauge any future potential issues. The fire suppression system is working. A suggestion is to do a complete flush of the system to check for other possible leaks. The panel is new.
 - j) Insurance engineer will do a thorough review.
 - k) How will they repair/replace the gym floor? We may need to do a full replacement. There will be more information available in future meetings.
 - l) MBMS leadership has been thinking about longer term plans for the possible loss of the gym for a longer time.
 - m) It is a Dry Pipe system over the gym which is in C wing. Is the compressor functioning now? When the pipes freeze?? There

seem to be some problems with the compressor which the company is trying to fix.

n) We plan to follow up with Norris in regards to when they received the tamper alarm.

B. [Strategic Plan Work Update](#) - 8-21-2024 - Elkington/Poulin

1. We reviewed the last page of the document with our updated goals and theme for 24-25.
2. Many steps have been completed from last year's plan.
3. It is a living and breathing document, and we will continue to work on following our plan.
4. Engagement will be a PD focus for the year.
5. NWEA-fall to spring growth-will be expanded to K-11
6. PD document, strategic planning, curriculum and instruction work are all connected, which helps to make it clearer for all.
7. Regulated classroom and safety care are both aligned with BARR and may be strategies we use and train all staff on..

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
- B. Board Minutes - [8.13.24](#)
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 1. Operations Committee - None
 2. Personnel & Finance - None
 3. Educational Policy - None

<p><i>Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Gerry Provencher, Dina Spenciner, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Will Jones, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Debbie Smith, Amanda Caruso and Kyle Fletcher Vote: 799/0/171</p>	<p>Motion: Rich Ruhlin Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed</p>
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XII. New Business

- A. Policy Work
 1. Major Revisions (second of two readings)
 1. [ACAA Harassment of Students](#)
 2. [ACAA-R1 Student Discrimination and Harassment](#)
 3. [ACAB Harassment of School Employees](#)
 4. [ACAB-R2 Employee Sex Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedure](#)
 5. Discussion/Questions?

- a. ACAA and ACAB-grammatical errors-B 1 b-third line-ore not or and B1 b third line-determine is so severe-determined to be so severe-correct on both docs
- 6. Motion/Vote
 - a. Block vote-Rich Ruhlin as submitted (grammar to be corrected); Will Jones seconded it; unanimous vote

<i>Motion to approve the above policies as a block as presented.</i>	Yeas: Debbie Smith, Gerry Provencher, Dina Spenciner, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Will Jones, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Vote: 970/0/0	Motion: Rich Ruhlin Seconded: Will Jones Motion: Passed
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- ii. Brand New (second of two readings)
 1. [ACAA-R2 Student Sex Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedure](#)
 2. [ACAB-R1 Employee Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedures](#)
 3. [JIE Pregnant Students](#)
 4. Discussion/Questions?
 5. Motion/Vote

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

- *Motion to go into* Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Appointment of Officials
- Vote
- Entered Executive Session at 7:35

<i>Motion to approve go into Executive Session for</i>	Yeas: Debbie Smith, Gerry Provencher, Dina Spenciner,	Motion: Rich Ruhlin Seconded: Gloria McGraw
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<i>Appointment of Officials.</i>	Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Will Jones, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Vote: 970/0/0	Motion: Passed
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*Exit Executive Session at 7:47.

- **RSU 9 Interim Assistant Director of Foster Technical Center Nomination**
- *Motion to appoint Lana Swett as Interim Assistant Director of FCTEC*
- Vote

<i>Motion to appoint Lana Swett as Interim Assistant Director of Foster CTE</i>	Yeas: Debbie Smith, Gerry Provencher, Dina Spenciner, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Jeff Barnum, Amanda Caruso, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Will Jones, Kyle Fletcher, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson Nays: Abstain: Vote: 970/0/0	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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XIV. Adjourned

A. Adjourned without objection at 7:48.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

September 10, 2024 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - AHS, GDSCS, CCHS, Adult Ed.

September 24, 2024 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - WGMS, CBS, MBMS

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - September 3, 2024 - 5:00pm - **District Office Conf. Room Farmington**

Personnel & Finance - September 3, 2024 - 6:00pm - **District Office Conf. Room Farmington**

Educational Policy - September 3, 2024 - 7:00pm - **District Office Conf. Room Farmington**

****Please note the location change for Committee Meetings in September, which will be in the Conference Room at the District Office.**