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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 • 6:30pm • MBC Forum

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Members Present: Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Richard Doughty, Ruth Gauvin, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Dina Spenciner

Members Absent: Patty Hastings, Josh Robbins, Rich Ruhlin

Student Reps Present: Rubyanne Alexis, Evan Drake, Brynne Fournier

Student Reps Absent: Reed Cousineau

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other Staff Present: Andy Hutchins, Donna Seppy, Cynthia Bernstein, Mike Hanson, Nichole Goodspeed, Galen Dalrymple, Nadine Fenderson, James Black

School Board Meeting Agenda

**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](#)

I. Preliminary Business

A. Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. *Adjustments to the Agenda

1. Report of the Chair Person

- a) Item II.A.1. Welcome new Board Member

(1) Unanimous approval to add

II. Informational Reports & Presentations

A. Report of the Chairperson

1. Welcome new Board Member, Richard Doughty of Weld

- a) Board Members shared positive thanks for joining the Board to Richard.

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

- a) H & I

B. Communications - Superintendent Elkington

1. [Drinking Water Notice 9.15.2026](#)

- a) [Memo from the Superintendent](#)

2. [School Building Inventory Project 2026 Update](#)
3. [Staff Memo 9.17.2026](#)
- C. Public Comment per [Policy BEDH](#)
 1. *None*
- D. Good News Stories from the Board & Administrators
 1. *FCTEC-DOL Grant: Secured \$300,000 over two years to expand student real-world experience opportunities.*
 2. *WGM Open House: Drew 425 attendees and featured a Community Fair with 9 participating organizations; received strong family feedback.*
 3. *FCTEC Fair Projects: Students performed program-related work at the fair; including taking aerial photos of the ferris wheel for promotional posters.*
 4. *Athletics & Events: Both boys' and girls' cross country teams placed 1st; hosted Spirit Week and the Homecoming Dance.*
 5. *Pre-Engineering: Students completed projects on CADD scaling and model building.*
 6. *Exhibition Hall: RSU 9 School Gardens received honors for their display.*
 7. *Student Activities: Elementary students attended Ag Day, and students will view the Declaration of Independence at UMF next month.*
- E. Administrator Reports - Department Directors
 1. [School Nutrition](#) - Director Andrew Hutchins
 - a) *Director Hutchins reviewed the highlights of his report.*
 - b) *Operational Costs: Rising diesel prices are increasing individual invoice costs. Weather conditions have also elevated fresh produce and crop prices.*
 - c) *Budget Strategy: Operations are focused on maximizing efficiency to protect the fund balance while maintaining healthy meal choices for students and staff. Market trends are being monitored, but maintaining a healthy food balance remains a primary focus.*
 - d) *Staffing: Fully staffed following an overall reduction in personnel. Food service substitutes are currently being advertised to provide a necessary safety net and enable resource-sharing across kitchens.*
 - e) *Menu Adjustments: Supply shortages and high prices are being addressed through flexible backup plans and menu workarounds, supported by ongoing price and availability monitoring.*
 2. [Adult Education](#) - Director Donna Seppy
 - a) *Director Seppy reviewed the highlights of her report.*
 - b) *EMT Program Development: Work is underway to launch a local EMT training program, eliminating the need for students to travel to Auburn or Portland.*
 - c) *Student Capacity / Maximum Numbers: Difficult to establish a firm maximum capacity due to staggered student schedules and varying availability.*
 - d) *Homeschool Group Engagement: Currently working with a homeschooling group consisting of 18 students.*
 3. [Special Services](#) - Director Cynthia Bernstein and Assistant Director Hanson
 - a) *Director Bernstein and Assistant Director Hanson reviewed the highlights of the report.*
 - b) *Facilities: Many facilities adjustments were noted.*

- c) *Staff Training Strengths: Summer training led by Cheryl Webster and colleagues was highly effective; exploring expanding future offerings.*
- d) *Early Childhood Services: Strong PK preparation and service delivery established.*
- e) *Service & Schedule Flexibility: Adjustments needed to adapt service models and schedules to shifting student needs.*
- f) *Absences & Coverage: Staff absences and sub procurement for high-need programs remain challenges; expanding sub training recommended.*
- g) *Chapter 33 (Restraint/Seclusion): Policy language updated to align with Safety Care; no operational impact since staff already receive this training.*
- h) *Hiring Update: Noted—great news on closing in on full staffing with this week's interviews!*

F. [Superintendent's Report](#)

- 1. Personnel & Staffing Update
- 2. Active Job Postings
- 3. Schools, Libraries Sound Alarm to Potential Erate Cuts
- 4. WMEC Partnership
- 5. Cybersecurity Training is ongoing in RSU 9

G. Presentation Review - *Superintendent Elkington*

- 1. [Questions on Attendance Review \(per last meeting\)](#)
 - a) None were asked

III. Consent Agenda **Action Item*

A. **Previous Board Meeting Minutes*

- 1. [September 8, 2026](#)

B. **Previous Committee Meeting Minutes - None*

Motion: <i>To approve the consent agenda as presented.</i>	Yays: <i>Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Richard Doughty, Ruth Gauvin, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Dina Spenciner</i> Nays: Abstain: Student Yays: <i>Rubyanne Alexis, Evan Drake, Brynne Fournier</i> Student Nays: Student Abstain:	1st: <i>Wayne Kinney</i> 2nd: <i>Katie Martikke</i> Weighted Vote: Yay: 846 Nay: 0 Abstain:
Discussion:		

IV. New Business **Action Items*

A. [*Boston STEM Field Trip](#)

- 1. 4 staff chaperones will attend
 - a) Director Dalrymple reviewed the agenda and the funding sources.
 - b) Subs are typically covered by the district.
 - c) Director Dalrymple will share the names of the colleges/universities that will be visited.

Motion: <i>To approve the Boston Stem Field Trip as presented.</i>	Yays: <i>Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Richard Doughty, Ruth Gauvin, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Dina Spenciner</i> Nays: Abstain: <i>Jeff Barnum</i>	1st: <i>Gloria McGraw</i> 2nd: <i>Dina Spenciner</i> Weighted Vote: Yay: 805 Nay: 0
Discussion:		

	Student Yays: Rubyanne Alexis, Evan Drake, Brynne Fournier Student Nays: Student Abstain:	Abstain:
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B. *Policy Work

1. *Major Revisions - (second of two readings)

- [JLF-MB REV Child-Abuse-and-Neglect-Reporting](#)
- [JLF-E-MB Revised Suspected-Child-Abuse Neglect-Report-Form](#)

Motion: To approve the Major Revisions of the above policies as presented. Discussion:	Yays: Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Richard Doughty, Ruth Gauvin, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain: Student Yays: Rubyanne Alexis, Evan Drake, Brynne Fournier Student Nays: Student Abstain:	1st: Wayne Kinney 2nd: Katie Martikke Weighted Vote: Yay: 846 Nay: 0 Abstain:
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2. *Replacements - (second of two readings)

- [EBCF-Automated External Defibrillators \(AED\) \(new\)](#)
- [EBCF-Automated-External-Defibrillators-AED \(old\)](#)

Motion: To approve the replacement of policy EBCF as presented. Discussion:	Yays: Jeff Barnum, Christina Bobrow, Gwen Doak, Richard Doughty, Ruth Gauvin, Doug Hiltz, Greg Kimber, Wayne Kinney, Angie LeClair, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Gerald Provencher, Dina Spenciner Nays: Abstain: Student Yays: Rubyanne Alexis, Evan Drake, Brynne Fournier Student Nays: Student Abstain:	1st: Wayne Kinney 2nd: Angie LeClair Weighted Vote: Yay: 846 Nay: 0 Abstain:
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V. Executive Session *Action Items

- A. Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss student matters involving information in confidential records where personally identifiable information could be discussed, pursuant to (1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F)).

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Five minute recess to clear the room.

Entered Executive Session at 7:37.

Exited Executive Session at 8:30.

Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes-Gwen Doak

Seconded: Gerry Provencher

Vote: Unanimous

Entered ES at 8:31

Exited at 8:47

VI. Adjournment

A. Adjourn Meeting

1. Adjourned without objection at 8:47
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Upcoming Meetings:

Board Meetings @ MBC Forum

1. October 13, 2026 (*AHS/GDCS, CCHS, CBS, WGMS*)
2. October 27, 2026 (*MBMS, MBHS, FTC*)
3. November 17, 2026 - **THIRD TUESDAY!** (*Athletics, McKinney Vento/FESS*)
4. December 15, 2026 - **THIRD TUESDAY!** (*None*)

Committee Meetings - @ District Office

1. October 6, 2026 (*Operations, Finance, Ed. Policy*)
2. November 10, 2026 (*Operations, Finance, Ed. Policy*) - **NOW SECOND TUESDAY**
3. December 1, 2026 (*Operations, Finance, Ed. Policy*)