

Mt. Blue Regional School District
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES

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Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all

DATE: September 27, 2022

Place: The Forum

Time: 6:30pm

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

Weighted Votes

In attendance: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce (arrived at 6:37pm), Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith

Absent: Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member)

Also present: James Black, Laura Columbia, Katie Duchesne, Chris Elkington, Jennifer Pooler, Monique Poulin, Lisa Sinclair, Melissa Williams, Tracy Williams

- I. Called to Order at 6:31pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. None
- IV. Report of the Vice-Chairperson - Debbie Smith
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - Section G
 - B. Board Workshop Review
- V. Communications
 - A. MSMA Fall Conference - October 27 & 28, 2022 - a reminder to let Jennifer Pooler know by Oct. 10 if you would like to be registered

- B. LGBTQ+ and Other Politically Contentious Issues for Board Members - Virtual Training by DrummondWoodsum - October 12, 2022, 4:00 - 5:30pm, The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

VI. Public Comment

- A. John Trabucchi - spoke to Superintendent Elkington's recent parent letter regarding OUTMaine.org

VII. RSU 9 Good News stories - from the Board or Administrators

- A. To respect the shorter meeting timeframe tonight, Good News stories were not heard.

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. School Handbooks
- C. Mobile Computer Science Lab
 - 1. This is being revisited by the district
- D. Meals & Remote School on Snow Days
 - 1. Student meals are reimbursed for COVID-related remote days
- E. A Disconcerting Rumor

IX. Administrator Reports

- A. [Cape Cod Hill School](#) - Lisa Sinclair, Principal
 - 1. Discussion about inclusion and new guided reading leveled books.
- B. [Mt. Blue High School](#) - Monique Poulin, Principal
 - 1. It was nice to see the Senior Walk in the report.
- C. [W.G. Mallett School](#) - Tracy Williams, Principal
 - 1. Thanks to Mrs. Williams for including the acronyms!

X. Presentations

- A. [Opening Days Review](#) - Columbia
 - 1. Format
 - 2. Celebrations
 - 3. Training
 - a) Discussion regarding de-escalation training was had.

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires

B. Board Minutes from [September 13, 2022](#)

C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes

1. Operations Committee - None
2. Personnel & Finance - None
3. Educational Policy - None

<i>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: Charles Hinds Vote: 15:0:1 (960:0:41)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Rich Ruhlin Motion: Passed
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Discussion regarding the Gender 101 poster. No further discussion.

<i>Motion to place the Gender 101 poster inside the door of the Guidance Office and off the outfacing window.</i>	Yeas: Nays: Abstained: Vote:	Motion: Alexander Creznic Seconded: Motion was withdrawn
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This item will be discussed with suggestion for it to be presented on a future agenda.

XII. New Business

A. Second and Final Reading of Board Policies

1. [GBIA](#): Staff Participation in Political Activities
2. Board Self-Evaluation Tool
 - a) [Document Draft Tool was based on](#)
 - b) Online - [Board Self-Evaluation Tool](#)

<i>Motion to approve the second and final reading of board policy GBIA: Staff Participation in Political Activities and the online Board Self-Evaluation Tool</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Kyle Fletcher, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee"	Motion: Rich Ruhlin Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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	Robbinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)	
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No discussion was heard.

B. 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, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robbinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Alexander Creznic Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard. The Board will re-enter the Executive Session after the workshop is finished..

Time Entered: 7:03pm

Time Exited: 7:42pm

7:30 PM BOARDMANSHIP WORKSHOP with MAINE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

ASSOCIATION (for Board Members, Superintendent, and Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Projects only)

<i>Motion to extend up to a half an hour as</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robbinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: Janic David, Irv Faunce Abstained: None	Motion: Richard Ruhlin Seconded: Wayne Kinney Motion:
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	Vote: 14:2:0 (843:158:0)	
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No discussion was heard.

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

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No discussion was heard.

Time Entered: 9:01pm

Time Exited: 9:25pm

D. Review and Approval of the Interim Director of Finance and Operations Hiring Plan

<i>Motion to approve the hiring plan as presented with the consideration of the salaries presented in the budget.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Kyle Fletcher, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Irv Faunce Nays: Janice David, Judith Kaut Abstained: Chip Hinds Vote: 13:2:1 (841:160:41)	Motion: Scott Irv Seconded: Rich Ruhlin Motion: Passed
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Irv Faunce commented on the process regarding bringing requests to the Personnel and Finance Committee, procedures following the committee structure, and concerns with the temperature in the Forum at night.

XIII. Adjourn

<i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i>		<p>Motion:</p> <p>Motion passed without objection</p>
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Adjourned at 9:33pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

October 11, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - McKinney-Vento, Community School
- NWEA Data Review

October 25, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - Special Services

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- CNA Quotes | Chipper Quotes | Outdoor Leadership Bus | Bus Lease-Purchase Proposals | Emergency Plan Review

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

- CNA Quotes | Chipper Quotes | Outdoor Leadership Bus | Bus Lease-Purchase Proposals

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

Operations - November 1, 2022 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - November 1, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - November 1, 2022 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus