

# MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## Operations Committee

### Agenda NOTES

September 3, 2024

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

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**IbarBoard Committee Members Present:** Gerald Provencher, Scott Erb, Will Jones, Amanda Caruso

**Board Committee Members Absent:**, Debbie Smith

**Other Board Members Present:** Jeff Barnum, Dee Robinson (arrived at 5:16)

**Staff:** Monique Poulin, Nicole Ibarguen, Christian Elkington

**Other Staff Present:**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Chair Erb
  - a. Called to order at 5:02
  
2. **Previous Committee Minutes-** [8-6-2024](#) - Chair Erb
  - a. Questions?
    - i. None
  
3. **Updates** - Ibarguen/Elkington
  - a. [FY 25 Operations & Building Projects](#)
    - i. Summer Work & Spreadsheet Review
      1. Nicole Ibarguen reviewed the areas in green on the spreadsheet, which are the projects that have recently been completed.
      2. Questions?
        - a. Gym floors are usually redone every few years, not every year at elementary schools.
        - b. Sand and recoat typically cost between \$3,500-9,000, depending on size.
        - c. Can you add a column related to the architect's recommendations? We will cross reference in some fashion added info as requested.
        - d. Will we have fire rated filing cabinets for the storage areas at the Holman House? We will research how we presently use what we have.
        - e. \$49,000 to remove skylights at the gym-this was the source of the water that damaged the floor.
      3. Staffing
        - a. There is one open lead position at AHS and a spare custodian at MBMS.
        - b. Maintenance is fully staffed and working well as a team.
      4. Progress
        - a. MBC Gym
          - i. Floor will start to be painted this week.

- 5. Remaining ESSER Building Projects
  - a. CBS Progress?
    - i. HVAC is done. There have been small adjustment issues with heat pumps and extra training has helped.
  - ii. Concerns
    - 1. MBMS Gym & Basement Review
      - a. Timeline Progress
        - i. Still waiting on this from Serv Pro
      - b. Gym
        - i. Progress? Insurance says?
          - 1. We can start in the gym with demolition-insurance company approves a full renovation for the gym floor. This is valued at up to \$250,000 to replace.
          - 2. The old Logo in the gym is painted in the middle of the damaged floor. We will save it and display it on a wall.
          - 3. Have been told that we could be back in the gym in November.
          - 4. The floor is 20 years old and these are typically replaced at 30-35 years.
        - ii. Questions?
      - c. Basement
        - i. Progress?
          - 1. Most areas have been cleaned. All rooms that need demo will have contents moved to the pods in the parking lot.
          - 2. Air quality will be tested throughout the process.
          - 3. Only one of the three companies we reached out to for the rebuild has been in touch. Still no estimate.
          - 4. It would be important to see if we can capitalize on any other needed projects while this part of the building is under reconstruction.
        - ii. Insurance says?
          - 1. All will be covered, but we don't have a quote for the basement at this time.
          - 2. Their Engineer did a thorough check of the gym and basement.
          - 3. It could be that the switch on the compressor is not working correctly.
        - iii. Questions?
      - d. Fire Suppression System
        - i. Progress?
          - 1. Much of it is covered above.
          - 2. Board Member Provencher has volunteered to assist on this topic due to his experience and expertise. He shared from speaking with an expert that we might need to look at replacing sections of the system going forward.
          - 3. The dry suppression system was also discussed.

- 4. Still no definitive answer on why Norris was not contacted through the system failure notification.
  - ii. Insurance says?
  - iii. Questions?
- b. Bjorn Center
  - i. Badge Swipe System
    - 1. Progress
      - a. IB Controls will be fixing the issue this week.
  - ii. Phone, Wifi, Intercom
    - 1. "Houston, we have a small problem..."
      - a. These were not planned for completion in the original design. Wires were run but not connected. IEC will connect them.
    - 2. Previous Bjorn Funding
      - a. We will need to cover this work. We have funding from the Maintenance Reserve Account we are using. We also have funds from FCTEC carry forward, approximately \$200,000 from the previous Bjorn Foundation to support Middle School programming. We will now not need the full amount from the maintenance reserve.
  - iii. Culinary Planning
    - 1. Contract Update
      - a. Moving forward, materials have been delivered!
      - b. We will install vents, storage and table tops-permanent fixtures, not specialized equipment.
      - c. Can we access the newly discovered Bjorn funds to purchase the more specialized equipment? It would need to be voted on by the board. Do we want to move ahead with this or save some for the reserve? Will bring it to the board for discussion.
  - iv. Community Open House Planning
    - 1. Delayed
- c. Holman House - Elkington
  - i. Community Open House Planning
    - 1. Looking for an end of Oct. afternoon

#### 4. Ten-Year Maintenance Plan draft-Elkington

- a. James Black & Michael Turner looked a couple years out by reviewing the building assessments completed last year.
  - i. Eight months ago, they shared what the 23-24 priorities were and made suggestions for 24-25. In looking at the building assessments, specific needs went into a doc under years 1, 5 and 10.
- b. Committee needs to develop the 10 yr. draft
  - i. We need to branch out from 2 years to 10. We need a couple of Board Members to serve with Operations Supervisor Ibarguen and three other admin.
    - 1. We will need a draft for the Dec/Jan Committee Mtgs.
      - a. This will allow us to start a fully planned 10 year plan together.
    - 2. Looking at having 4 to 6 meetings.
  - ii. Volunteers?

1. Gerry Provencher and Jeff Barnum will be a part of this sub-committee. Thank you!
  
5. Holman House again?
  - a. Everyone liked the space for easier conversations and reflection. Would like to stay at the Holman House.
  
6. **Next Mtg.** October 1, 2024 at the Holman House
  
7. **Adjourned at 5:50**
  
8. **Future Agenda Items**
  - ESSER Updates