

# ***Mt. Blue Regional School District***

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## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTES ON THE PURCHASE OF THE HOLMAN MISSION HOUSE**

**DATE:** October 24, 2023  
**PLACE:** The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus  
**TIME:** 6:00pm

- The hearing was started at 6:03 pm by Superintendent Elkington.
- Superintendent Elkington reviewed the Holman Mission House Purchase Proposal through a shared powerpoint.
- Questions were posed from the audience as follows:
  1. Have you looked at the heat costs?
    - a. We are installing heat pumps and are estimating a cost of \$500 per month for electricity and new LPG boilers at an estimated cost of \$400 per month for the colder months.
  2. Is there enough parking?
    - a. There are spaces for 15 or 16 parking spaces on site with access to on street parking as well.
  3. Are you sure this is the total cost for all upgrades?
    - a. The work that is required for us to be able to move in and use is estimated to cost approximately \$150,000. We are not looking at redoing the entire building or to make it the Hilton but to get the building to serve our needs.
    - b. Other options for added space supporting students were found to be much more costly.
    - c. Yearly costs are estimated at \$20,000 for year 1.

## **Board of Directors Meeting AGENDA NOTES**

**DATE:** October 24, 2023  
**PLACE:** The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus  
**TIME:** 7:00pm  
**LIVESTREAM LINK:** <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

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In attendance: Greg Kimber, Libby Kaut, Scott Erb, Janice David, Debbie Smith, Abbey Goodspeed, Dee Robinson, Gwen Doak, Rich Ruhlin, Kyle Fletcher, Josh Robbins, Will Jones, Carol Coles, Gloria McGraw, Amanda Caruso, Jeff Barnum

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Staff members: Chris Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other staff members: James Black, Joel Smith, Carol Kiesman, Amanda Clark, John Jones, Cynthia Bernstein, Kevin Bremner, Nichole Goodspeed, Keith Acedo, and Melissa Williams.

- I. Call to Order - Chair Robinson
  - A. Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:01.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
- IV. Report of the Chairperson - Chair Robinson
  - A. [Code of Ethics K & L](#)
- V. Communications
  - A. Staff Members of the Month for September
    1. Erin Reeves-MBMS Lead Custodian
    2. Matt Brann-RSU #9 School Resource Officer
  - B. Wayne Kinney will start at the next meeting replacing Alexander Creznic as a Farmington representative.
  - C. Two new student reps will start in November. Debbie Smith and Josh Robbins will mentor them.
- VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators
  - A. MBHS-Well done to our athletic teams this fall! We have many teams moving on to postseason competition. Our theater program will be performing their fall play in the near future. We have several visiting students from the Canary Islands who have been on campus for the past couple of days. An additional shout out to Matt Brann for all he does for staff and students.
  - B. MBMS-Another well done to our athletic teams this fall! Our cross country teams were undefeated. The work on the Bjorn Center continues and is on schedule.
  - C. An additional shout out to all of our fall coaches for their commitment to our students!
  - D. Thank you to the district office staff members for their efforts and their solutions-based approach as we look to make improvements.
  - E. The AHS Entrance Mural looks great and is only waiting for the eagle! Also, many thanks to our Wilton Recreation Department for their partnership in support of opportunities for our students.
- VII. Public Comment
  - A. None

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. UMF Partnership
- C. Bjorn MDOE Project Approval
- D. Referendum Newsletter Draft And...
  - 1. The flier will be sent out to all in our district as soon as it is completed.
  - 2. We will be posting a link to FAQs as well.

IX. Administrator Reports

- A. [Special Services](#) - John Jones and Cynthia Bernstein
  - 1. Many thanks to all staff K-12, district employees and the school board for collaborating in support of our special services students.
  - 2. We have been shifting staff to cover critical areas with folks across the district assisting-the epitome of teamwork.
  - 3. We continue to fill positions that are unfilled and are thankful for those who have stepped into open positions.
  - 4. Appreciation for our parents was shared given the many moving parts in our district.
  - 5. Our federal monitoring was successfully completed.
  - 6. There are many PD opportunities planned and available to staff, and we appreciate our partnerships with UMF.
  - 7. Carly Georgen (CCHS) presented at a national conference.
  - 8. We are hosting two practicum students who are working with our school psychologist this year. There is a significant need in this area and both have requested to return for internships in RSU 9.
  - 9. Unified Basketball is on its way!
  - 10. There was a question about the number of students served over the past few years. There was a high of 430 a few years ago. We are at 18 to 20 percent of our student population who are identified at this time. This figure has remained relatively constant over the past few years. The trend is that student needs are higher with those students who are moving in.
  - 11. PEERS Program-This social pragmatic language program has been successfully implemented at MBC. This assists students with social skills.

X. Presentation

- A. [Cape Cod Hill COMMUNITY School](#) - Carol Kiesman and Amanda Clark
  - 1. Carol and Amanda presented the slideshow with a focus on the fundamentals of a community school that work together to benefit all.
  - 2. A video was shared that captured the essence of a community school.

3. They highlighted a list of promoted efforts that have taken place over the past year and their intended next steps as well as their successes and their celebrations.
4. Questions were answered regarding the roots of the program, implementation, as well as support from the community.
5. Details were shared about the grant funding and the support structures.
6. How might other elementary schools be involved? These will be continuing conversations. We are waiting for word on future funding to involve more schools in Maine.
7. Does attendance data reflect the impact of community schools? Attendance data is better but we are not necessarily seeing a cause & effect relationship at this point. The alignment of community schools and BARR is working in favor of student attendance and engagement.

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
- B. Board Minutes [10-10-2023](#)
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
  1. Operations Committee - None
  2. Personnel & Finance - None
  3. Educational Policy - [10-17-2023](#)

<p><i>Motion to approve the consent agenda.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Greg Kimber, Libby Kaut, Scott Erb, Janice David, Debbie Smith, Dee Robinson, Gwen Doak, Rich Ruhlin, Kyle Fletcher, Josh Robbins, Will Jones, Carol Coles, Gloria McGraw, Amanda Caruso, Jeff Barnum</p> <p>Nays: Abstained: Vote:917/0/0</p>	<p>Motion: Rich Ruhlin Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed</p>
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XII. New Business

- A. Policy Review
  1. Major Changes/Updates (second reading)
    - a) [DFE Student Activity Funds](#)  
(1) Review

- (a) Replaces current policy.
- 2. [IKE Student Retention](#)
  - a) [Present policy](#)
  - b) Review
    - (1) Replaces current policy.
- 3. Brand New (second reading)
  - a) [JJE Student Fundraising](#)
    - (1) Review
      - (a) RSU 9 does not have this policy

<i>Motion to approve changes to all three policies DFF, JJE, and IKE as presented</i>	Yeas: Greg Kimber, Libby Kaut, Scott Erb, Janice David, Debbie Smith, Dee Robinson, Gwen Doak, Rich Ruhlin, Kyle Fletcher, Josh Robbins, Will Jones, Carol Coles, Gloria McGraw, Amanda Caruso, Jeff Barnum  Nays: Abstained: Vote:917/0/0	Motion: Janice David Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed
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- 4. Special Request
  - a) Minor revisions to the following two policies are dictated by the change in state law which takes effect next week. It came to our attention after the last Policy Committee Meeting that these changes needed to be made and so we are asking the full Board to review and approve these changes in support of our Nursing Staff and students.
    - (1) [JLCB Immunization of Students](#)
    - (2) [JLCD Administering Medication to Students](#)

<i>Motion to approve changes to JLCB and JLCD as presented</i>	Yeas: Greg Kimber, Libby Kaut, Scott Erb, Janice David, Debbie Smith, Dee Robinson, Gwen Doak, Rich Ruhlin, Kyle Fletcher, Josh Robbins, Will Jones, Carol Coles, Gloria McGraw, Amanda Caruso, Jeff Barnum  Nays:	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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	Abstained: Vote:917/0/0	
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XIII. Adjourn

A. Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:15.

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**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

November 14th, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - MBHS Athletics, Technology

November 28th, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - School Nutrition, McKinney-Vento

**NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Operations - November 7th, 2023 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - November 7th, 2023 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - November 7th, 2023 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus