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Board of Directors Board Meeting Agenda - Minutes

DATE: September 10, 2024
PLACE: The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
TIME: 6:30pm
LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

Board Members Present: Gerry Provencher, Dina Spenciner, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Will Jones, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson, Amanda Caruso, Kyle Fletcher (arrived at 6:40)

Board Members Absent: Jeff Barnum, Debbie Smith, Gwen Doak,

Student Board Members Present: Addie Collelo, Rowan Shanti

Student Board Members Absent: Julian Reynolds, Brielle Tinker

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other Staff Present: Galen Dalrymple, Joel Smith, Keith Acedo, Mary Redmond-Luce, Cynthia Bernstein, Mike Hanson

- I. **Call to Order** - Chair Robinson
 - A. Meeting called to order at 6:31

 - II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

 - IV. **Report of the Chairperson** - Chair Robinson
 - A. Introduction of new Student Board Representatives
 1. Rowan Shanti
 2. Julian Reynolds-involved with soccer this fall
 - B. [Code of Ethics](#)
 1. F & G

 - V. **Communications**
 - A. MSBA Resolutions
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- [23-24](#)
- [Proposed 24-25](#)
- Conference scheduled for October-Please get back to Katie Merrill if you are interested in attending.

VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators

- A. MBHS/MBC-Open House had an incredible family turnout in alignment with engagement goals; Homecoming is on the horizon-put it on your calendars!
- B. MBMS-Well done to all with flexibility regarding facility adjustments as the year began.
- C. Rental Night for instruments-What a great opportunity to start at younger grades-well organized, structured and communicated; kids were excited!

VII. Public Comment

- A. None

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Openings as of 9-10-2024
 - 1. Six of the last seven people interviewed had excellent experience.
- C. Newscenter visits RSU 9 School Nutrition Program
- D. Electric Bus info
 - 1. The company has a good reputation with a good product.
- E. Maine SLCGP Overview
- F. Added item/update-Turf Committee report out-Joel Smith
 - 1. Good discussion based on an article that Dr. Emily Jacobs (district doctor) shared with us.
 - 2. Doing research and inviting a variety of guests in order to make a good recommendation to the board.
 - 3. TiOur timeline is to report to the full board at the first meeting in Nov.
 - 4. Hoping for a board meeting presentation on 11/5
 - 5. Comments:
 - Some of the reports seem dated are they?
 - (1) Reports from 2021 are not dated in this field.
 - Are we having a public forum?
 - (1) We are not having a public hearing since concerns came from the board members.

IX. Administrator Reports

- A. [Adult Education](#) - Director, Mary Redmond-Luce
 - 1. [Fall/Winter Catalog](#)
 - Please alert Mary if you did not receive the catalog.
 - 2. Adult Education is gearing up for multilingual learner (MLL) and hybrid learning.

3. Stephanie Ward will be joining the Adult Education Program as the RSU #58 rep. Stephanie has experience working with multilingual learners.
4. Mary has been at a variety of events throughout the county representing Adult Education!

B. [AHS/GDCS](#) - Principal, Keith Acedo

1. Good start at both schools-enthusiasm and excitement.
2. 8/27 Meet and Greet-200 people were present
3. BARR Training for year 1 and year 2.
 - Trauma informed training was excellent.
4. 8/27-MTSS Work Session-high engagement
5. Open House at AHS and GDC on 9/11
6. 21st Century after school program begins next week led by Rhonda Schanck

X. Presentations

A. RSU 9 PD Planning for 24-25 - Poulin

1. Review
 - A comprehensive but streamlined professional development document was shared. It focuses on district priorities and aligns with the district professional development calendar.
2. Questions
 - There was a suggestion to add progress/accomplishments to last year's goals. This will be done.

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
- B. Board Minutes - [8.27.24](#)
- C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 1. Operations Committee - [9.3.24](#)
 2. Personnel & Finance - [9.3.24](#)
 3. Educational Policy - [9.3.24](#)

<p><i>Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Gerry Provencher, Dina Spenciner, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Will Jones, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson, Amanda Caruso, Kyle Fletcher Student Yeas: Addie Collelo and Rowan Shanti Nays: Abstain: Vote: 863/0/0</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Will Jones Motion: Passed</p>
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XII. New Business

- A. Use of additional Bjorn Funds for Culinary Room at the MBMS Bjorn Center
 - 1. Some additional funding has been uncovered in a dormant account where \$ was transferred
 - \$200,000 that was earmarked for MBMS CTE programming a several years ago has not yet been spent. These were also from Dick Bjorn.
 - 2. Operations and Finance Committees want the full Board to discuss its use
 - Plan would be to purchase the domestic equipment needs slated for 25-26
 - (1) Both groups supported the concept.
 - (2) Projected budget for completing the household kitchen adding equipment (NO frying with oil or butter) were shared.
 - (3) Installing a commercial kitchen would be cost prohibitive at this time.
 - (4) Could also purchase commercial hoods to be used at a later date or hold the funds for now.
 - (a) Need these types of hoods for using the oil/butter.
 - (5) The items included in the proposed budget fit the current needs for the program to grow and flourish.
 - (6) The superintendent will follow up with the benefactor
 - 3. Discussion/Questions?
 - See above.
 - 4. Vote

<p><i>Motion to approve use of additional Bjorn Funds as presented (without the commercial hoods).</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Gerry Provencher, Dina Spenciner, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Will Jones, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson, Amanda Caruso, Kyle Fletcher Nays: Student Yeas: Addie Collelo and Rowan Shanti Abstain: Vote: 863/0/0</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Rich Ruhlin Motion: Passed</p>
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- B. Overnight Field Trip - MBHS
 - 1. [Allstate Music Festival @ UMO](#)
 - 2. Discussion/Questions?
 - Date should be changed to May of 2025
 - 3. Vote

<p><i>Motion to approve the</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Gerry Provencher, Dina</p>	<p>Motion: Rich Ruhlin</p>
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<p><i>overnight field trips as presented.</i></p>	<p>Spenciner, Greg Kimber, Scott Erb, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Gloria McGraw, Will Jones, Rich Ruhlin, Gwen Doak, Dee Robinson, Amanda Caruso, Kyle Fletcher Student Yeas: Addie Collelo and Rowan Shanti Nays: Abstain: Vote: 863/0/0</p>	<p>Seconded: Josh Robbins Motion: Passed</p>
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XIII. Adjourned without objection at 7:16

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

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

- Board Reports - CCHS, CBS, WGMS, MBMS

October 8, 2024 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - MBHS, FCTEC, MBHS Athletics

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - October 1, 2024 - 5:00pm - The Holman House, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - October 1, 2024 - 6:00pm - The Holman House, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - October 1, 2024 - 7:00pm - The Holman House, Mt. Blue Campus