

Mt. Blue Regional School District
Board of Directors Meeting
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DATE: **March 28, 2023**
PLACE: **The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus**
TIME: **6:30pm**
LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Debbie Smith, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member),

Absent: Richard Ruhlin, Kyle Fletcher, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Elizabeth “Ella” Mayhew (Student Member),

Also present: Kevin Bremner, Laura Columbia, Chris Elkington, Andy Hutchins, Cyndi Pratt, Tracy Williams

- I. Call to Order
 6:31
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. An action item will be added after the executive session.
- IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - Section H
- V. Communications
 - A. [Maine Assessment](#)(1) [System Update](#)(2)
 - B. [Maine Science Assessment FYI](#)
 - C. Update on ED279 error. This was fixed by the state, which increased the amount of the allocation to RSU 9 that we will receive from the state.

VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators

- A. Wayne Kinney congratulated Scott Erb and Will Jones on their seats on the school board.
- B. Abbigail Goodspeed reported that eight students would be attending the Geological Society of Maine Conference and presenting projects related to their earth science class. The orchestra concert went well, which had students from grades 4-12. The Band and Chorus concerts also had a large audience. Spirit Week and Winter Carnival went really well at MBC. There is a trip to Spain that is currently being planned. A public speaking event was held at the high school in which Molly Kearing won. She will compete at the state level. Three one-act plays were performed by high school students, middle school students, and staff. Henri McCourt participated in a nordic event in Alaska, and the Nordic Teams was recognized at the state level.
- C. Richard Wilde shared the tremendous success the robotics team had at their last competition, as the number 5 pick in the playoffs. He is proud of the teamwork the students demonstrated, which showed as they won the Creativity Award.
- D. Debbie Smith reported on the certificates given this past month for the staff members of the month and how great it was to see each of the staff members.
- E. Josh Robbins shared that earlier, we approved a few of our students to play hockey, and that currently, two of them are playing in a national tournament and have been named to the All Androscoggin County Team.
- F. Tracy Williams reported on a positive Family Winter Fun Night. As well as a recent dental clinic that was held, with 55 students being seen for cleanings.

VII. Public Comment

- A. Alexander Creznic, Farmington, spoke regarding comments made by Maine Commissioner of Ed Pender Makin regarding the withholding of funding from Maine DOE, along with his concerns on the state's assessment results related to math and literacy.
- B. Janneke Strickland, Farmington, parent of students in the district, shared appreciation for having an additional nurse (paid with Federal ESSER funds) to help cover at schools and work with students when nurses are out.

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. School Water Testing Update
- C. ESEA Comparability Report
- D. Summer Nutrition Program Qualifications
- E. MSMA Public Comment at Board Meetings Update
- F. EPA Clean Bus Program
- G. Upcoming Board & Budget Meetings Reminders

Questions were heard around the EPA Clean Bus Drant, and if it was possible to have someone hired to write grants like this, and to help with grant writing in the future. There will be no committee meetings on May 2nd as budget warrants will need to be signed at that meeting.

IX. Administrator Reports

A. [RSU 9 School Nutrition](#)

1. The planning for summer meal programming has started. Using census data, we qualified for summer meals at W.G. Mallett, Mt.Blue Campus, and Kineowatha.
2. State and Federal funding is being reinvested into the program this year. New equipment was purchased helping kitchens to run even more efficiently.
3. Questions were heard regarding maintaining food costs at 31%.
4. Additional comments were heard regarding the hot cocoa bar, and making a recipe that was included in a school-wide book reading involving Maine's Indigenous people.

B. [MBHS Athletics](#)

1. An update on winter sports was shared, including sportsmanship awards, two wrestlers attending nationals, as well as the co-op hockey team.
2. Spring sports are up and running, and have started practicing.

X. Presentations

- None

XI. Consent Agenda

A. New Hires/Resignations etc.

1. Correction, Nicole Lesperance will be transferring to a one-year position as Technology Integrator.

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- B. [Board Minutes from March 15, 2023](#)
- 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, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: Abstained: Gwen Doak Vote: 11:0:1 (760:0:74)	Motion: Dee Robinson Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion:
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XII. New Business

- A. Policy Review
1. Second Reading of Board Policies:
 - a) [EBAA Draft Rev. Chem Hazards](#)
(1) Complete rewrite with updated language
 - b) [EBCB Draft Rev. Emergency Evac Drill](#)
(1) Complete rewrite with updated language
 - c) [ECB-Draft Rev. IsPest-Management-in-Schools-and-on-School-Grounds](#)
(1) Policy simplified with procedures taken out

<i>Motion to approve the policies above.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Gwen Doak Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (760:0:0)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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B. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Compensation of Employees

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Compensation of Employees	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Gwen Doak Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (760:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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Entered: 7:25 pm

Exited: 7:38 pm

Motion employ Mary Redmond-Luce as the new Adult Education Director for 2023-2024	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Janice David, Gwen Doak, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Gwen Doak Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:0:0 (760:0:0)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed
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XIII. Adjourn

A. 7:39 pm

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

April 5, 2023 - 6:30pm - Special Board Mtg. (Budget) - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - None

April 11, 2023 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports CBS, Foster Tech, Transportation

April 25, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports -

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - April 4, 2023 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - April 4, 2023 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - April 4, 2023 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Operations - May 2, 2023 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - May 2, 2023 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - May 2, 2023 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus