

Mt. Blue Regional School District
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA

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DATE: **May 9, 2023**

PLACE: **The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus**

TIME: **6:30pm**

LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Irv Faunce, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Scott Erb, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith, Abigail Goodspeed (Student Member), Elizabeth “Ella” Mayhew (Student Member, arrived at 6:37 pm)

Absent: Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Janice David

Also present: John Jones, Tracy Williams, Katie Duchesne, Nichole Goodspeed, Monique Poulin, Laura Columbia, Chris Elkington

- I. Call to Order
 - A. 6:34 pm

- II. Pledge of Allegiance

- III. Adjustments to the Agenda

- IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 - Section F

- V. Communications
 - A. [Public Participation Policies Update](#)
 - B. [LD 1748](#)
 - C. Review of the documents above regarding public participation, as well as questions around the proposed law that has been recently been updated regarding the process of the taxpayers to have a say in the budget

process which is not what the proposed law does, and it has been adjusted for clarity.

VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators

- A. Carol Coles reported that she was able to participate in an event to celebrate National School Board Week in Augusta at the state house.
- B. Chris Elkington, read a student note from Astrid Jones, regarding one of her teachers, Katie Joseph, and praised all of the efforts she puts into learning and joy she brings to each class.
- C. Debbie Smith shared the use of gymnastics at Academy Hill School, and happy that our district opens up the buildings to the communities.

VII. Public Comment-Board Chair began by reviewing public comment guidelines.

- A. Charles Hinds, New Vineyard, shared a food for thought regarding marriage, Christianity, and pop culture.
- B. Hank Washburn, New Sharon, commented on the discussion regarding school safety that was discussed at the last meeting and disheartened at the lack of support for school safety.
- C. Laura Columbia, Farmington, shared her resignation letter, thanking RSU 9 for the opportunity to serve in RSU 9.

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

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. Giving Schools an Honest Grade
- C. Bjorn MBMS Construction Project Update
- D. 4-21-2023 RSU9 School Bus Driver's 2023 Regional Conference
- E. Title 1A Summer Reallocated Funds Award
- F. 23-24 Budget Communications Planning Update
- G. National Opioids Settlement

IX. Administrator Reports

- A. [MBHS](#) - Principal Poulin
 - 1. Upcoming events were reviewed to include music and theatre events, including the Beauty and the Beast musical that will be happening this week.
 - 2. Emery Art Center will host MBHS's art show with student artwork.
 - 3. Graduation will be held on June 11th, and all board members and staff were encouraged to attend.
- B. [W.G. Mallett School](#) - Principal Williams

1. A teacher appreciation breakfast sponsored by PTA and Franklin County Fiddlers performed in the morning, with twelve being former Mallett students.
2. Data review was discussed regarding second grade. And individual growth of students in math and literacy. District standards were used for each grade level. Proficiency levels change for each quarter and were discussed.
3. Grandparents Day, which will be coming up towards the end of May.

X. Presentations
 - None

- XI. Consent Agenda
- A. New Hires/Resignations etc.
 - B. Board Minutes [4-25-2023](#) and Board Minutes [5-2-2023](#)
 - C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 1. Operations Committee - None
 2. Personnel & Finance - None
 3. Educational Policy - None

<i>Motion to pass consent agenda.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Irv Faunce, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Scott Erb, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 14:0:0 (843:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Rich Rhulin Motion: Passed
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No discussion.

- XII. New Business
- A. [To appoint RSU 9 teachers to a 2nd-year probationary contract or continuing contract status](#) - Elkington

<p><i>Motion to approve probationary and continuing contracts as proposed by the Superintendent in his report.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Irv Faunce, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Scott Erb, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: Charles Hinds Vote: 13:0:1 (802:0:41)</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed</p>
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B. To accept an additional gift from the Bjorn Foundation for the MBMS CTE Addition - Elkington

1. Review and Discussion
- 2.

<p><i>Motion to accept an additional gift from the Bjorn Foundation for the MBMS CTE Addition.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Irv Faunce, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Scott Erb, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: Charles Hinds Abstained: 0 Vote: 13:1:0 (802:41:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Debbie Smith Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed</p>
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Discussion was held around the timeline and finishing the work. There is no timeline at this point, and that discussion will be added to the next meeting. As well as pricing out potential items for the 24/25 budget.

C. Field Trip Request

1. [MBHS Senior Class Trip Fitchburg MA](#) - June 8-9
 - a) Review and Discussion

<p><i>Motion to approve the request as proposed.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Irv Faunce, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed</p>
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	McGraw, Josh Robbins, Scott Erb, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 14:0:0 (843:0:0)	
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- D. [Review of the Return to In-person Instruction and the Current Covid Guidelines](#) - Columbia
1. Review
 2. Adjustments

<i>Motion to approve adjustments</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Irv Faunce, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Scott Erb, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: Charles Hinds Vote: 13:0:1 (802:0:41)	Motion: Rich Rhulin Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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E. 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, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Irv Faunce, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Scott Erb, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 14:0:0 (843:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Alexander Creznic Motion: Passed
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Entered: 7:32 pm
 Exited: 7:49 pm

F. Cape Cod Hill School (CCHS) Principal Nomination

<p><i>Motion to appointment Carol Kiesman as principal at CCHS in RSU 9 .</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Alexander Creznic, Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Irv Faunce, Charles Hinds, Judith Kaut, Greg Kimber, J. Wayne Kinney, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Scott Erb, Richard Ruhlin, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 14:0:0 (843:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Judith Kaut Motion: Passed</p>
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G. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Compensation of Employees

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Entered: 7:51 pm

Exited: _____

XIII. Adjourn at _____

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

- May 23, 2023 - 7:00pm - Annual Budget Mtg. Bjorn Auditorium, Mt. Blue Campus
- June 13th, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
 - Board Reports - Adult Ed, Technology
- June 27th, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
 - Board Reports - NONE

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - June 6, 2023 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - June 6, 2023 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
Educational Policy - June 6, 2023 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus