***Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors***

**Minutes**

**DATE:  January 25, 2018**

**Place:  Mt. Blue Campus- Forum**

**Time:   7:00 p.m.**

**In attendance:**  Jennifer Zweig Hebert, Cherieann Harrison, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb,  ~~Irv Faunce~~(E), Richard Hargreaves, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, ~~Ryan Morgan~~(E), Robert Patterson, Lidie Robbins,  Iris Silverstein, ~~Debbie Smith~~(E), Craig Stickney, Griffin Mayhew, ~~Chris Marshall, Joe Crandall, Hallie Pike.~~

**Also present:**  Monique Poulin, James Black, ~~Nichole Goodspeed~~, Tracy Williams, Darlene Paine, Keith Acedo, Melissa Williams, ~~Glenn Kapiloff~~, ~~Jonathan Chalmers, Katie Duchesne~~, Christine Gatto-Shea, Laura Columbia,

 I. Call to Order 7:03pm

     II.         Pledge

   III.         Consideration of the Minutes of January 9, 2018

 Motion: Scott Erb     Second: Richard Hargreaves

 Vote: (717)

   IV.         Report of the Chairperson

           A.  Good news stories from Board/Admin

Scott Erb- Cascade Brook School had an Author/Artist, Lilly Webber, come read her book to the students.

Craig Stickney- Donna Perry said that if Tabatha sends an email with the agenda of the board meetings to the Sun Journal they will publish them for us.

He also shared the dates and topics of his meetings with Gov. Paul LePage.

Christine Gatto-Shea: The Special Education Department is in the process of being audited. The preliminary findings were that things look excellent and a big improvement from monitoring four years ago.

Betsey Hyde and Cherieann Harrison entered at 7:05

   V.     Public Comment- None

   VI.   Old Business

1. Personnel

 New Hire (FYI)-

            Lynn Wells             Destination Imagination MBC

 Retire-

             Valerie Benton      3rd Grade Teacher            AHS

             Diana Krantz          Art Teacher                        AHS/CBS

  VII.    New Business

A.  Approval of Student Representative-Hallee Pike, Jr. Student Representative

Motion: Angie LeClair  Second: Doug Dunlap

Vote: (820)

B.    Presentation-International Student Program trip to China

Motion: Betsey Hyed  Second:  Angie LeClair

Vote: (820)

C.    Proposed Budget and Board meeting calendar. We’ll start by meeting at 6:30 and see how that works out. Dr. Tom asked board members to keep Thursdays open towards the end of the budget season in case we need extra meetings. The state hopes to have the ED279 out in the beginning of February. There are other changes that have been made at the state level that are being explained to superintendents. For example the state will pay 100% of the Essential Programs and Services this year. Nancy Porter requested a copy of a list of every employee and their salaries.

Motion to accept the calendar with start time of 6:30: Scott Erb   Second: Cherieann Harrison

Vote:(820)

D.    Approval of proposed Superintendent search process. The Administrative Evaluation committee made the recommendation that Maine School Management be responsible for brochure circulation, online and print advertising, committee interviewing applicant workshop, distribution and collection of application materials, screening of candidate materials and online review of application on a secure web-page for an estimated cost of $4,000 depending on the number of applicants and the cost of advertising. The money would come out of the School Board Legal Fees line of the budget. The committee was mindful of cost as well as capabilities of the hiring committee. They plan to have a Google forms survey available to stakeholders to come out soon in order to gather input. Hard copies would also be available at town offices. There may be meetings held with staff in order to gather input. They have developed a tentative hiring schedule and hope to conclude the process by late April.

Motion  to move forward with the proposed Supt hiring process:

Cherieann Harrison  Second: Scott Erb

Vote: (820)

E.    Board Committee Reports-                                                                                                     Finance                                                                                                                                Policy: working very hard on the co- and extra- curricular eligibility policy. The next Policy committee meeting will be held on Wed., 2/7 at 5:00

      Administrative Evaluation- see above

 Foster Tech Advisory Committee- has discussed the Bridge Year, the generous donation from the Bjorn family, and piloting the middle school program. Special Education Committee will meet on January 29th

 Drop Out Prevention: continues to meet

F.   Curriculum Coordinator update- Laura Columbia shared progress updates on curriculum, assessments, progress reports, parent and community outreach, technology and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports.

G.  Superintendent’s Report-Dr. Thomas J. Ward None at this time.

 VIII.     Adjournment at 8:15

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**February 6, 2018-6:30pm-Board Budget Meeting-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**February 13, 2018-6:30pm-Board Business/Budget Meeting-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**February 27, 2018-6:30pm-Board Business/Budget Meeting-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Foster Tech. Advisory Subcommittee- January 24, 2018- 9:00am-12:00pm-Central Office Conference Room**