

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors

Minutes

DATE: January 12, 2021

Place: Zoom

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://vimeo.com/500042911>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison (arrived at 6:36), Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laffin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney, ~~Whitney Fraser~~

Also present: ~~Keith Acedo~~, Nancy Allen, Cynthia Bernstein, James Black, Chad Brackett, Jeff Brazee, Laura Columbia, ~~Todd Demmons~~, Katie Duchesne, Nichole Goodspeed, William Greenlaw, ~~Andy Hutchins~~, John Jones, ~~Richard Joseph~~, Kris Pottle, Lisa Sinclair, Joel Smith, Melissa Williams, Tracy Williams

- I. Call to Order at 6:31pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comment
 - A. None
- IV. Report of the Chairperson
 - A. Updates
 1. A cost proposal has been requested from MSMA for the superintendent search. If you are interested in being on the search committee, please contact Angie LeClair. Timeline for the search is approximately three months.
 2. The board budget committee will be starting, please email Angie LeClair if interested in joining.
 - B. Good news stories from Board/Administrator
 1. Melissa Williams, Director of Foster Tech, many pieces of equipment have been delivered and students are utilizing them. The new law enforcement program is going very well.
 2. Nancy Allen, Director of Adult Education, the portables have arrived and are assembling the buildings.
 3. Bill Greenlaw, Facilities Director, shared that the modules at MBMS are also being assembled.
 4. Joel Smith, shared the start of competitive sports are a great addition, with basketball and skiing starting. Games are being live streamed sponsored through Hight Chevrolet.
- V. Superintendent's Report - Monique Poulin
 - A. [New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements](#)

<p>Motion to approve new hires and transfers accept the administrator retirement of our business manager as presented by Interim Superintendent Poulin</p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed</p>
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B. Updates regarding:

1. Monique Poulin thanked employees, community, and the school board for the support in transitioning as interim superintendent.
2. School and department visits will be happening.
3. The audit was delayed this year, we requested and were granted a waiver.
4. Our Coronavirus Response Coordinator contract expired, and we renewed it to ensure that our programs and supplies are supported with the funds we have received.
5. Two of our elementary schools, CCHS and CBS, are showing an increased need for special education teachers. We will combine ed tech positions to create teacher positions.
6. School nurses have the opportunity for the first round of vaccinations and are looking into updates for district staff to be vaccinated.

VI. Presentations

- A. [Elementary Remote Learning Plan](#) - Laura Columbia / A-Team
- B. [Budget Timeline and Process](#) - Kris Pottle / Monique Poulin
 1. Discussion was heard on process, and having it in person versus over Zoom.

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes from [December 8, 2020](#)
- B. Minutes from [December 15, 2020](#)

<p>Motion to approve consent agenda</p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0</p>	<p>Motion: Wayne Kinney Seconded: Lisa Laflin Motion: Passed</p>
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	Abstained: 0 Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)	
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VIII. Committee Reports from December 15, 2020 and January 5, 2021

A. Operations - [12/15/20](#) | [1/5/21](#)

1. Lisa Laflin reported on the two meetings, with updates on the COVID Relief Funds and the projects funded, as well as many buildings and facilities updates.

B. Personnel & Finance - [12/15/20](#) | [1/5/21](#)

1. Policies are being finalized, and the final version will be brought to the board in February. There was also discussion on the budget process, Earned Paid Leave Act, and spending of COVID Relief Funds.

C. Educational Policy - [12/15/20](#) | [1/5/21](#)

1. Policies were reviewed regarding sexual harassment, and there was a presentation on the Sports Hall of Fame.

D. Drop-Out Prevention

1. Meetings have been ongoing. We are reviewing obstacles students might face (including internet issues and possible solutions), and we are discussing grants to assist us in utilizing local resources.

IX. New Business

A. Approve nomination for interim assistant principal at Mt. Blue High School

<i>Motion to approve the nomination for interim assistant principal as presented by Interim Superintendent Poulin and to enter into contract negotiations with the candidate.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)	Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Betsey Hyde Motion: Passed
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B. Approve Elementary Remote Learning Plan

<i>Motion to approve the Elementary Remote Learning Plan as presented by administration</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith,	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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	Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)	
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C. Approve Budget Timeline and Process

Motion to approve the Budget Timeline and Process as presented by administration	Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)	Motion: Wayne Kinney Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed
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X. Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(D) Labor Contract discussion for the Teacher's Bargaining Unit

Motion to enter Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(D) Labor Contract discussion for the Teacher's Bargaining Unit.	Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0):	Motion: Jesse Sillanpaa Seconded: Jeff Harris Motion: Passed
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Time entered: 8:05pm

Time exited: 9:03pm

XI. Adjourned: 9:04pm

Motion to adjourn without objection	Yeas: Nays: Abstained: Vote:	Motion: Angie LeClair Seconded: Motion: Passed with no objection
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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Jan. 26, 2021 - 6:30pm - Location TBD

Feb. 9, 2021 - 6:30pm - Location TBD

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - Feb. 2, 2021 - 5:00pm - Location TBD

Personnel & Finance - Feb. 2, 2021 - 6:00pm - Location TBD

Educational Policy - Feb. 2, 2021 - 7:00pm - Location TBD