

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

**DATE: January 14, 2020**

**Place: The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Documentation of Quorum:**

**In attendance:** Carol Coles, Cherieann Harrison, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Dennis O'Neil, Irv Faunce, Lisa Laflin, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, J.Wayne Kinney, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney, Olivia Schanck, Riley Drummond, Whitney Fraser, Alejandro Magdelano

**Also present:** Monique Poulin, James Black, Keith Acedo, Lisa Sinclair, ~~Melissa Williams, Andy Hutchins, Jonathan Chalmers, Richard Joseph, Katie Duchesne, Todd Demmons, Joel Smith, John Jones, Cynthia Bernstein, Laura Columbia, Kris Pottle, Chad Brackett, Darcy Dunphy, Ray Therrien, Nichole Goodspeed, Tracy Williams (entered 6:50pm)~~

- I. Call to Order by Cherieann Harrison at 6:33PM
- II. Pledge
- III. Public Comment
  - A. No public comments
- IV. Report of the Chairperson
  - A. National School Board Publication is in your packet.
  - B. Board of Operations Committee tours-went very well, good to see completed projects
  - C. Introduction of junior rep-Alejandro Magdaleno
  - D. Good news stories from Board/Administrator
    1. James Black shared about the newly painted gym, spelling bee winners, Feb. 5th they will participate in the Franklin County Spelling Bee
    2. Monique shared that the Costarican exchange students are visiting, women of UMaine Renaissance singers came for a concert
    3. Ray shared that the new catalog is going to press with 90+ classes
    4. Nichole shared about the art exhibit featuring Academy, Cape Cod and Cascade Brook students that is on display at UMF
- V. Superintendent's Report-Tina Meserve
  - A. Budget meetings started-they are going well
  - B. State reports are Due Jan. 15th (attendance, truancy, behavior) Tina will share the results with the Board once they are certified

- C. Franklin Memorial Hospital is conducting a strategic plan process and Tina was interviewed.
- D. Ray had an orientation for those interested in Adult Education. Past students shared how the program has changed their lives.
- E. Western Maine Superintendents had Commissioner, Pender Makin, at their last meeting. They discussed certification, funding, budget
- F. Notice of resignations, retirements and new hires

VI. Presentations-none

VII. Consent Agenda

- Board meeting minutes from December 10, 2019
- Operations committee minutes from January 7, 2020
- Personnel & Finance committee minutes from January 7, 2020
- Educational Policy committee minutes from January 7, 2020

Motion to approve consent agenda	Yeas: All present Nays: Abstained: Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Irv France Seconded: Josh Robbins Motion: Passed
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VIII. Committee Reports

A. Operations-

- 1. Thank you to Lisa Laflin for organizing site visits
- 2. Welcome to anyone who wants to sit in on committee meetings
- 3. Kurt Penney will come to present to the Board
- 4. Feb. 26th Drummond and Woodsum legal counsel will review risks and benefits regarding contracting with a solar array project.

B. Personnel & Finance

- 1. Listened to a presentation on the financial review
- 2. The committee recommends the same budget process as last year

C. Educational Policy

- 1. Tobacco Use and Possession
- 2. Student Field Trips-concerns with liability and need to update policy

D. Drop-out Prevention

- 1. Nothing new to report-will meet on Jan. 29th

IX. New Business

To approve the Arcola Exchange field trip

Motion to approve Arcola Exchange field trip	Yeas: All present Nays: Abstained: Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Angie LeClair Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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Financial Review-Kris Pottle

A. Business office is watching several areas

1. We have requested 2 emergency busses from the DOE to replace buses that failed inspection
2. Special Ed-Telepractice contracted services will exceed budget
3. Out of district placements will exceed
4. Debt service will go over by \$22,000

Budget timeline

- A. Committee-Jeff Harris, Dennis O’Neil, Carol Cole, Cherieann Harrison, Jesse Sillanpaa
- B. Proposal includes 2 full days and then evening sessions

Second reading

1. JIC Student Code of Conduct
2. JICH Drug and Alcohol Use by Students

Motion to approve JIC Student Code of Conduct	Yeas: All present Nays: Abstained: Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Lisa Laflin Seconded: Tami Labul Motion: Passed
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First reading

3. ADC Tobacco Use and Possession- adding specific tobacco products and vaping, new signage provided by the Healthy Community Coalition
  - No revisions: Moved on to Second Reading
4. ADC-R Tobacco Use and Possession Administrative Procedure-
  - Tina recommends the policy read ‘shall’ to ‘may’ concerning contact to law enforcement to leave room for judgment of the severity of the issue
  - We will need a revision of employee handbooks
  - Moved on to second reading

X. Executive session: 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) Labor contract proposal discussion for the Superintendent

Time entered: 7:45 PM

Motion to enter executive session: 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) Labor contract proposal discussion for the Superintendent	Yeas: All present Nays: Abstained: Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Angie LeClair Seconded: Betsy Hyde Motion: Passed
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Time exited: 8:45 pm

XI. Adjourn: 8:50 pm

Motion to adjourn	Yeas: Carol Coles, Cherieann Harrison, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Dennis O'Neil, Irv Faunce, Lisa Laffin, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, J.Wayne Kinney, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney  Nays: Abstained: Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Lisa Laffin Seconded: Jesse Sillanpaa Motion: unanimous
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**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

January 21, 2020-Strategic Planning-6:30pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

January 28, 2020-6:00pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus  
February 11, 2020-6:30pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus  
February 25, 2020-6:30pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Operations- February 4, 2020-5:00 pm-Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus  
Personnel & Finance- February 4, 2020-6:00 pm-Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus  
Educational Policy-February 4, 2020-7:00 pm-Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus