

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors

Minutes

NOTICE: Pursuant to RSU 9's Health and Safety guidelines, ***face masks are required*** to attend an in-person event inside a school building.

DATE: January 25, 2022

Place: The Forum

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://vimeo.com/670746237>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laffin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith

Absent: Cherieann Harrison, Judith Kaut

Also present: Jeff Brazee, Laura Columbia, Katie Duchesne, Chris Elkington, Monique Poulin, Lisa Sinclair, Melissa Williams, Tracy Williams

- I. Called to Order at 6:31 pm
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. Consideration of a special board meeting added as item 12. d
 - IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 1. Focus Item
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 2. Special Announcements
 - a) Budget Committee is seeking a few more members and an alternate.
 - b) Community Forum for Strategic Planning is January 27th, 2022
 - c) An update of the legislative breakfast and tour of Mt. Blue Campus.
 - d) Sharing the Mt. Blue District website's job offering, pay, etc.
 - V. Communications
 - A. None
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- VI. Good news stories from the Board or Administrators
 - A. Carol Coles shared that basketball is happening right now and that is great as compared to last year.
 - B. Laura Columbia shared the teamwork that has happened with secretaries, administrators, and nurses who are going above and beyond around COVID needs.
 - C. Doug Dunlap thanked our parents and families for doing their part in working with the COVID-19 guidelines and procedures.
 - D. Chris Elkington echoed Doug Dunlap's praise for families and highlighted the problem-solving that occurred Mon-Wed last week. As well as how the robotics team has been working late night after night to prepare for their competition.
 - E. Jeff Brazee reported that professional development is continuing with teachers district-wide led by Martha Thibodeau and tech coaches throughout the district.
 - F. Debbie Smith shared the wonderful opportunity of sharing the staff members of the month awards at schools. She is impressed with the classes being offered at Adult Education, and that a local field hockey group (not affiliated with RSU 9 but with RSU 9 students) reporting winning a tournament for the state of Maine.

- VII. Public Comment
 - A. None

- VIII. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Christian Elkington
 - A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
 - B. Strategic Planning Team Update (Chair Laflin)
 - 1. Strategic Planning Community Meeting 1-27-2022
 - a) Data collection was reviewed as well as the upcoming community forum.
 - b) Encouraged all board members and the community to come out to the community forum this week.
 - C. Open Positions Update
 - D. Budget Workshop Schedule
 - E. ED 279 Funding Printout
 - 1. Happy to report that there is no loss in revenue at this point for the 22/23 school year.

- IX. Administrator Reports
 - A. [Cape Cod Hill School](#) - Lisa Sinclair, Principal
 - 1. Questions were heard regarding assessment and interventions, PTO involvement, and community builders.
 - B. [Mt. Blue High School/Mt. Blue Campus](#) - Monique Poulin, Principal

1. It was noted Patricia Hayden’s retirement, and the presence she has brought to our school district, highlighted the student strategic planning group, and the positive tone of the newsletter.

C. [W.G. Mallett School](#) - Tracy Williams, Principal

1. Questions were heard regarding academic data, attendance, and instructional strategies.

X. Presentations

A. Apportionment Review [Information on apportionment](#) - Wayne Kinney

1. Questions

- a) Questions centered around the need to review the numbers, and if it is a valuable use of time.
- b) Drawbacks to not moving forward include having weights that are not complete.
- c) There is currently no timeline for when a request is made, but once it is started, there is a 90-day timeline.
- d) Some wondered if there was enough movement to ask for a change.
- e) Comment was shared about the Democratic process and that apportionment is part of the process and should take place every 10 years.

2. Possible adjustments

3. Recommendation

4. Next Steps

- a) Any questions can be directed to Wayne Kinney.
- b) Will continue to look through the information.
- c) This topic will be added to our next board meeting’s agenda.

XI. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from [January 11, 2022](#)

B. Committee Report Outs and Minutes

1. Operations Committee - None
2. Personnel & Finance - None
3. Educational Policy - None

<p><i>Motion to approve the consent agenda.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Debbie Smith Nays: None Abstained: Cherieann</p>	<p>Motion: Lisa Laflin Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed</p>
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	Harrison Vote: 14:0:1 (851:0:74)	
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No discussion.

XII. New Business

A. COVID Reopening Plan Check-In - Columbia/Elkington

1. [Covid Data Update](#)
 - a) Questions
2. Updates:
 - a) [RSU 9 Return to School/COVID-19 Handbook](#) (Updated 1/13/2022)
 - b) Drive-thru Rapid Testing
 - c) Positive Test, Close Contact & Communication
 - d) School Outbreak Status Review
 - e) MBMS and Remote Learning
3. New State Recommendations, Changes & Adjustments
 - a) Questions and comments regarding requiring all students to wear their masks outside, some schools would have difficulty implementing the 3ft spacing requirement during lunch or snack time.
 - b) Procedural questions were heard regarding the special board meeting.
4. Superintendent Recommendation
 - a) Think about the [two choices outlined](#).
 - b) Will share info with parents.
 - c) Board decides at a special Board Meeting next week.
5. Discussion/Questions
 - a) Concerns regarding attendance, and wanting students in school.

<i>Motion to extend the meeting to 9:00 pm.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laffin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Cherieann Harrison Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (925:0:0)	Motion: Kirk Doyle Seconded: Cherieann Harrison Motion: Passed
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No discussion.

B. Approval of New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements

<p><i>Motion to approve the new hires, transfers, resignations, and retirements as presented in the Superintendent's Report.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Cherieann Harrison Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (925:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Dee Robinson Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion.

- C. Update on Morning Meeting w/Legislators and Mt. Blue Campus Tour - 2/18/2022 - Harrison

D.

<p><i>Motion to accept the plan for the special board meeting</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Cherieann Harrison Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (925:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion.

XIII. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Discussion of Personnel Matters

<p><i>Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to discuss personnel matters.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith, Cherieann Harrison Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (925:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed</p>
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Time entered: 8:40 pm

Time exited: 9:09 pm

XIV. Adjourn without objection

<i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i>		Motion: Cherieann Harrison Motion: Passed without objection
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Time adjourned: 9:10 pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

February 8, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

February 22, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - February 1, 2022 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - February 1, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - February 1, 2022 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Operations - March 1, 2022 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

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