

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

## **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

### **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.

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**DATE:** January 4, 2022

**Place:** The Forum

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Meeting Video:** <https://vimeo.com/662460331>

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**In attendance:** Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith

**Absent:** Gwen Doak, Irv Faunce

**Also present:** Jeff Brazee, Beth Christopher, Laura Columbia, Chris Elkington, Jennifer Pooler, Monique Poulin

- I. Called to Order at 6:06pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
  - A. None
- IV. Public Comment
  - A. None
- V. New Business
  - A. ME CDC & ME DOE Updated Recommendations
    1. [Changes & Explanations](#)
      - a) Superintendent Elkington and Director Columbia shared highlights of the changes in the Maine DOE and Maine CDC guidelines and recommendations.
      - b) School expectations continue to be different than community expectations.
    2. [COVID-19 Update](#)
    3. Pooled Testing #s

#### 4. Superintendent's Recommended Changes

<p><i>Motion to approve the recommended changes as presented.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith                  Nays: None                  Abstained: None                  Vote: 14:0:0 (853:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Kirk Doyle                  Seconded: Scott Erb                  Motion: Passed</p>
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Discussion was heard regarding the quality of masks being used by students and staff. The State is not mandating universal masking, although it is highly recommended. If a family chooses to keep a student home after the five days of required quarantine, the student will continue to be excused if it is COVID-related. Masking expectations are being followed very well in PreK - 5, well in grades 6-8 and we are having some difficulties in grades 9-12. High school admin is looking at ways to improve student follow-through.

#### VI. Adjourn

<p><i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith                  Nays: None                  Abstained: None                  Vote: 14:0:0 (853:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Cherieann Harrison                  Seconded: Lisa Laflin                  Motion: Passed</p>
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Adjourned at 6:37pm

#### NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

January 11, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus  
 January 25, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

#### UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - January 4, 2022 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus  
 Personnel & Finance - January 4, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus  
 Educational Policy - January 4, 2022 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Operations - February 1, 2022 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus  
Personnel & Finance - February 1, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus  
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