

# Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors

## Minutes

**DATE:** October 27, 2020

**Place:** Zoom

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Meeting Video:** <https://vimeo.com/473043056>

**In attendance:** 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, ~~Whitney Fraser, and Alejandro Fernandez Snell~~

**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~~, Monique Poulin, Lisa Sinclair, Joel Smith, Melissa Williams, Tracy Williams

- I. Call to Order
  - A. 6:35
- II. Pledge
- III. Public Comment
  - A. Kelley Cullenberg commented on participating in the remaining meets for the Cross Country season.
  - B. Vickie Lailer commented on needing a fair contract.
  - C. Sarah Reynolds commented on the struggles of this year and the need for a teacher contract. And asked about lawyer fees for this year.

IV.

Motion to extend public comment up to 20 minutes	Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: Dennis O'Neil Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:1:0 (917:84)	Motion: Jesse Sillanpaa Seconded: Lisa Laflin Motion: Passed
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- A. Courtney Schools commented on questions regarding teacher contracts and why the contracts have not been settled.
- B. Joanne Snell commented on committees and reopening procedures.
- C. Brian Kelly commented on agreeing with the comments that Kelley Cullenberg shared. As well hoping to create a district that staff want to stay in.
- D. Delana Yeaton commented on staff morale and specific statements on contract negotiation.

- E. Elizabeth Tracy, resident of New Sharon, and information on the ventilation system at Cape Cod Hill School.
- V. Report of the Chairperson
  - A. Updates
    - 1. In response to issues at school, please contact your direct supervisor or building principal so that it can be addressed as soon as possible.
    - 2. Updates regarding contract negotiations.
  - B. Good news stories from Board / Administrator
    - 1. Laura Columbia reported that a group of RSU 9 nurses were able to participate in a fit training professional development.
    - 2. Tracy Williams shared a whole school celebration for our bus drivers at WGM.
- VI. Superintendent's Report - Tina Meserve
  - A. Updates regarding:
    - 1. Updates were shared regarding the ventilation system at CCHS. The final mold testing was completed at CBS. As well as a reminder to follow the chain of command to ensure questions are answered as quickly as possible. An update of enrollment shows a 8.4% decrease in enrollment.
- VII. Presentations
  - A. [Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Overview](#) - James Black
- VIII. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes from [October 13, 2020](#)
  - B. Minutes from [October 19, 2020](#)
  - C. Notes: Craig Stickney commented on not following procedures for the executive session. Angie LeClair clarified on not needing to report on a discussion

Motion to approve consent agenda	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, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Nays: Craig Stickney Abstained: Josh Robbins Vote: 14:1:1 (896:74:31)	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed
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- IX. Committee Reports (October 6, 2020)
  - 1. Operations: Updates regarding COVID-19 spending and budgets.
  - 2. Personnel & Finance: Working on the Superintendent's evaluation, as well as other policies.
  - 3. Educational Policy: Discussion regarding student discrimination and harassment, and training opportunities for nurses.
  - 4. Drop-out Prevention:
- X. New Business

A. Approval of Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

<p><i>Motion to approve Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan as presented</i></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 Nays: Craig Stickney Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:1:0 (927:74:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed</p>
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B. Cross Country Team participation in KVAC (Kennebec Valley Athletics Conference) and State Championships

<p><i>Motion to approve the participation of the HS Cross Country Team in KVAC (Kennebec Valley Athletics Conference) and State Championships.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: Scott Erb, Cherieann Harrison, Angie Leclair, Dennis O'Neil Abstained: 0 Vote: 12:4:0 (685:316:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Wayne J. Kinney Motion: Passed</p>
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Comments were heard regarding participation in the cross country team request to participate in conferences and state championships. The results of this and the potential health consequences to staff and student safety. Also shared were the support of the MPA guidelines and the support of participation.

<p><i>Motion to amend the motion to include the requirement of using a bus for transportation and requiring students to learn remotely for 14 days.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Dennis O'Neil Nays: Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Abstained: 0 Vote: 5:11:0 (351:650:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Dennis O'Neil Seconded: Wayne J. Kinney Motion: Failed</p>
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<i>Motion to move the question.</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, 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: Scott Erb Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:1:0 (917:84:0)	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: J.Wayne Kinney Motion: Pass
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Comment was heard on amending the motion to include the requirement of taking a bus and requiring students to learn remotely for 14 days.

Motion to extend the meeting until 9pm.	Yeas: Carol Coles, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Craig Stickney Nays: Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith Abstained: 0 Vote: 8:8:0 (540:461:0)	Motion: Lisa Laflin Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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- C. Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(E) Legal rights and duties  
*Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(E) Legal rights and duties of school unit; consultation between school unit and its attorney*

Without objection move to executive session - 8:45pm

Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(E) Legal rights and duties of school unit; consultation between school unit and its attorney	Yeas: Nays: Abstained: Vote:	Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Scott Erb Motion:
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XI. Adjourn at 9:09 pm

Motion to adjourn without objection.	Yeas: Nays: Abstained: Vote:	Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion:
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**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Nov. 10, 2020 - 6:30pm - Location TBD

Nov. 24, 2020 - 6:30pm - Location TBD

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Operations - Nov. 3, 2020 - 5:00pm

Personnel & Finance - Nov. 3, 2020 - 6:00pm

Educational Policy - Nov. 3, 2020 - 7:00pm