

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors
Minutes

Agenda: October 8, 2019

Place: The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

Time: 6:30pm

In attendance: Carol Coles, Cherieann Harrison, Doug Dunlap, Dennis O'Neil, Irv Faunce, Lisa Laflin, ~~Jeff Harris~~, Betsey Hyde (7:05), Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, Lidie Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Iris Silverstein, ~~Debbie Smith~~, Craig Stickney, Olivia Schanck, ~~Riley Drummond~~

Also present: Monique Poulin, ~~James Black~~, Nichole Goodspeed, Tracy Williams, ~~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

- I. Call to Order 6:33
- II. Pledge
- III. Public Comment
 - A. No comment was heard
- IV. Report of the Chairperson
 - A. Good news stories from Board/Administrator
 1. Tracy Williams reported a recent benefit supper held at Mallett for a staff member, and over \$3,000 was raised.
 2. Monique Poulin, principal at MBC, reported that the Interact group made salads, 50/50 raffle, and donated funds, and helped with setup. Many athletic teams from other schools have donated to the LEAP Explosion Fund.
 3. Lisa Laflin reported that RSU 9 schools have generously donated funds to the LEAP Explosion Fund.
 - B. The Farmington selectmen will be approving the one seat that is currently vacant on the board.
 - C. Iris Silverstein will be resigning from the board at the end of November.
 - D. Please report to Tabatha Mitchell any requests for attending the conferences for board members.
- V. Superintendent's Report-Tina Meserve
 - A. Resignation and new hires were announced.
 - B. Legislature Breakfast will be tomorrow morning, 10/9/19. Dennis O'Neil and Irv Faunce will represent the Board with the Superintendent.
 - C. Assessment Data has been released. RSU 9 has shown significant improvement.
 1. 38% proficient in 2017-18 to 51% in 2018-19 in ELA
 2. 27% proficient in 2017-18 to 30% in 2018-19 in Math

3. The increase in proficiency was significant for of sub-categories: Economically Disadvantaged, Special Education, and students who were in the Well Below category.

VI. Presentations

- A. Proficiency-Based Education update-Tina and Laura

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Board meeting minutes from September 24, 2019
 1. Adjust Liddie Robinson’s name to correct spelling, Lidie Robbins
 2. Carol Cole should be Coles
 3. Proposal Number 3-include attachment with the minutes
- B. Operations Committee minutes from October 1, 2019
- C. Personnel & Finance Committee minutes from October 1, 2019
- D. Educational Policy Committee minutes from October 1, 2019

Motion to approve consent agenda	Yeas: All other present Nays: none Abstention: Craig Stickney Vote: 12:0:1 (744:0:74)	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Angie LeClair Motion: passed
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VIII. Committee Reports

1. Operations: Doug Dunlap reported out on the mission statement of the Operations Committee. The committee discussed the purchase of Type A Buses and a proposal was submitted. The salary schedule for the Foster Tech program was reviewed. The recommendation was to increase the maximum number of pay steps for work experience from 6 to 10.
2. Personnel & Finance: Irv Faunce reported a review of superintendent goals and evaluation. Tina Meserve will discuss and set goals with the Board.
3. Educational Policy: Iris Silverstein reported that discipline policies were reviewed, are being considered about whether they should be policy or guidelines for the administration. The committee is discussing a philosophy that would include education, intervention, and discipline rather than just focusing on discipline.
4. Drop-out Prevention: Carol Coles reported that one of the goals is making sure students are accessing free and reduced lunch. Some of the forms are difficult to complete online. Bringing paper copies to community events, and helping families access these resources is a goal.

IX. New Business

- A. To approve Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) field trip

Motion to approve JMG field trip	Yeas: All present Nays: 0 Abstained: 0	Motion: Dennis O’Neil Seconded: Iris Silverstein Motion: Passed
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	Vote: Unanimous	
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B. To approve the Maine Youth Action Network Conference field trip

Motion to approve Maine Youth Action Network Conference field trip	Yeas: All present Nays: 0 Abstained:0 Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Lisa Laflin Seconded: Dennis O'Neil Motion: Passed
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C. To approve adding a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 15th

1. Consider a meeting regarding procedures for the request of information, items added to committee agendas and board agendas, request for attorney consultation, etc. Current guidelines are in MSBA and in our RSU 9 Policies for many of these topics.

Motion to approve adding a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2019	Yeas: All present Nays: 0 Abstained:0 Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Betsey Hyde Seconded: Dennis O'Neil Motion: Passed
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D. To approve new hires:

1. Laurie Hatch, Special Education Teacher at Academy Hill
2. Delresian Harris, Building Trades at Foster Tech

Motion to approve new hires, Laurie Hatch and Delresian Harris	Yeas: All present Nays: 0 Abstained:0 Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Doug Dunlap Seconded: Betsey Hyde Motion: Passed
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Lidie Robbins exited 8:00 pm

X. Executive Session- Title 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) Labor contract discussions for collective bargaining agreement for Teachers

Entered executive session: 8:01pm

Motion: To enter into executive session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Labor contract discussion for collective bargaining agreement for teachers	Yeas: All present Nays: 0 Abstained:0 Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Jesse Sillanpaa Seconded: Dennis O'Neil Motion: Passed
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Exited executive session: 8:45 pm

Motion: To extend meeting until 9:00 pm	Yeas: All others present Nays: Craig Stickney Abstained:0 Vote: 11:1 (713:74)	Motion: Dennis O'Neil Seconded: Doug Dunlap Motion: Passed
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- XI. Executive Session-Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) Information in confidential records; discussion or review

Entered executive session: 8:48 pm

Motion: To enter into executive session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) Information in confidential records; discussion or review	Yeas: All others present Nays: Craig Stickney Abstained: 0 Vote: 11:1 (713:74)	Motion: Dennis O'Neil Seconded: Lisa Laflin Motion: Passed
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Exited executive session: 8:55 pm

- XII. Executive Session- Title 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) Evaluation of officials/appointees/employees Tabled to next meeting

- XIII. Adjourn: 8:55 pm

Motion to adjourn	Yeas: All others present Nays: Dennis O'Neil Abstained: 0 Vote: 11:1 (703:84)	Motion: Craig Stickney Seconded: Doug Dunlap Motion: Passed
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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

October 22, 2019-6:30pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus
November 12, 2019-6:30pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Operations- November 5, 2019-5:00 pm-Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus
Personnel & Finance-November 5, 2019-6:00 pm-Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus
Educational Policy-November 5, 2019-7:00 pm-Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus

