

Educational Policy Committee

Minutes

December 7, 2021

7:00 - 8:15pm

The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Members: Gwen Doak, **Wayne Kinney**, Mark Prentiss, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson, Debbie Smith

Members Absent: Mark Prentiss

Staff: Chris Elkington, Nancy Allen

Other Staff Present: Jennifer Pooler, Doug Hodum

1. Call meeting to order - Kinney
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:11pm

2. Review [approved minutes](#) from the last meeting - Kinney
 - a. No discussion heard

3. Budget Committee Member Request - Elkington
 - a. Looking for at least one member from each Committee.
 - b. Carol Coles - found serving on the budget committee very helpful and encouraged others to join the committee or at minimum to attend the two days of presentations.
 - c. Wayne Kinney will volunteer. Please reach out to Carol Coles by next Tuesday if you are interested.

4. Strategic Planning Update - Kinney

Currently having community engagement sessions in the towns. They have been poorly attended but still worth the outreach being made. Over 650 online surveys have been completed online. Still have three in-person and three Zoom sessions in the coming weeks.

5. Policy requests - Elkington
 - a. [BBAB](#): School Board Self-Evaluation
 - b. It is recommended this move forward to the full board for first reading.
 - i. Tool for Evaluation Examples
 1. [MSMA Example](#)
 2. [Other Example](#) - adopted from FSBA

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3. [Other Example](#)
 - ii. Timeline and Process
 1. [RSU 21 Example](#)
 - iii. It was recommended that the Board Chair, Vice-Chair, and Ed Policy Chair meet and develop a draft evaluation tool, timeline, and process.
 - iv. It is recommended this draft be completed and then moved forward to the full board for the first and final reading.
 - c. [JLC: Wellness Policy](#)
 - i. This was briefly discussed and will be reviewed at the January 4, 2022 meeting.
 - d. [Adult Education Graduation Requirements](#) - Allen
 - i. Financial literacy has been included; assessment protocols have been revised; life experience credits have been revised; credit requirements have been more clearly delineated.
 - ii. It is recommended this move forward to the full board for first reading.
6. High School Textbook Discussion - Columbia - Tabled until January 4, 2022 meeting
- a. [The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks](#)
7. Grants
- a. Adult Ed. Continuity of Services (CoS) grant - Allen
 - i. [Used for & shared with](#); amount awarded \$33,333
 - ii. It is recommended this move forward to the full board for approval.
 - b. [Subaru "Adopt a Classroom"](#) - Elkington
 - i. It is recommended this move forward to the full board for approval.
 - c. [Maine DOE "Community Schools" Intent to apply](#) - Elkington
 - i. The intent to apply was reviewed. It is recommended that the final grant be brought to the full board for approval.
 - d. [ARP Homeless Youth](#); amount awarded \$23,492
 - i. It is recommended this move forward to the full board for approval.
8. Grades 6-12 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Planning - Columbia/Elkington
- We are currently in the planning phase. We will be assembling a small team of staff, students, admin, board members, and possibly parents to work with a Great Schools Partnership Facilitator to help do an audit of our social-emotional work grades in 6-12 and to develop a plan for the 22-23

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School Year. We will be using ESSER III funds for this. More information on our next steps will be shared at the January 4, 2022 meeting.

9. Apportionment Review - Kinney

- a. This is supposed to be completed a year after a census.
- b. Citizens can move forward with a petition or we can ask the Education Commissioner.
- c. Chair Kinney shared a [draft letter](#) to Education Commissioner Makin and [other documents](#) that outline the public process for board reapportionment.
- d. Further discussion on this topic at the January 4, 2022 meeting.

10. MSAD 58 Strategic Planning Discussions

In response to a Daily Bulldog article - MSAD 58 is having conversations about the possibility of closing their high school and they asked us along with others about the possibility of students coming to MNHS.

Approximately 160 students are MSAD 58 students with 90+ are EUT students. There will need to be multiple discussions and decisions by several school boards to determine next steps. When asked before the meeting and when the article was written, Superintendent Elkington reiterated with the Superintendent from MSAD 58 that we could not take 260-270 students at MBHS. That I could entertain bringing to the board looking at 160 MSAD 58 students as possible tuition students. That the students would need to be bused to us by their company and that it would be the RSU 9's Board's decision.

11. Future Agenda Items - Kinney

- a. Grant Review, Approval Process, and Admin Procedures
- b. State Assessment Data Review
- c. Textbook Review Policy
- d. 2021-2022 Policy Review Plan
 - i. Cross-reference quick review