

**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:** February 1, 2022

**Place:** The Forum

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Meeting Video:** <https://vimeo.com/672562322>

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**In attendance:** Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Debbie Smith

**Absent:** Irv Faunce, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Josh Robbins

**Also present:** Nancy Allen (Zoom), James Black, Jeff Brazee, Laura Columbia, Chris Elkington, Nichole Goodspeed (Zoom), Dan Higgins, Jennifer Pooler (Zoom), Monique Poulin, Melissa Williams, Tracy Williams (Zoom)

- I. Chair Coles called the meeting to order at 6:03pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
  - A. None
- IV. Public Comment
  - A. None
- V. Communications
  - A. Chair Coles shared an email recommendation from Janneke Strickland (representing the RSU 9 Nursing Team) to follow the recommended CDC guidance of a 10-day isolation period for staff or students who test positive for COVID-19.
- VI. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
  - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
    1. Focus Item I - Make decisions openly after all facts bearing on a question have been presented and discussed.

VII. New Business

A. Cancellation of February 22nd Board Meeting

1. We do not normally have a Board Meeting during school vacation weeks.

<p><i>Motion to cancel the Board Meeting on February 22, 2022.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Debbie Smith          Nays: None          Abstained: None          Vote: 13:0:0 (822:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Gwen Doak          Seconded: Lisa Laflin          Motion: Passed</p>
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No discussion was heard.

B. ME CDC & ME DOE Updated Recommendations

1. Positive Case Changes Review
2. [Superintendent's Recommendation - Dated 2/1/2022](#)
  - a) PreK-5 will continue to follow the 5 days of isolation, and add to it the 5 days of masking outside. They will reinforce and redouble their efforts to make sure students are eating breakfast, lunch, or snacks at least 3 feet apart. Students who test positive will need to wear a mask outside at recess.
  - b) Grades 6-12 will return to 10 days of isolation with a review of this expectation to be completed at the March 8th, Board Mtg.
  - c) If the total weekly district numbers go below 45 cases, we ask the Board to give permission to the Superintendent that PreK-12 will all use a common 5-day isolation, and 5 days in school masked etc., as long as student symptoms have reduced significantly, as we believe we can better ensure that all of our schools have the capacity to enforce these guidelines with much reduced caseloads of total students.

<p><i>Motion to accept the Superintendent's Recommendation dated Feb. 1, 2022.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Debbie Smith          Nays: Carol Coles, J. Wayne Kinney</p>	<p>Motion: Gloria McGraw          Seconded: Scott Erb          Motion: Passed</p>
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	Abstained: None Vote: 11:2:0 (703:119:0)	
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Comments were heard from a board member who received messages from families who think a 10-day isolation period will hurt their students academically. No HIPPA or FERPA violations in regards to requiring masks or distance for some students, similar to a peanut-free table along with students who go to special education services. A brief discussion on the very large amount of data being collected by the nursing team was heard. The social-emotional impact of isolation is huge. The number of below 45 positive cases district-wide in a week seems to be a reasonable cut-off point for change. Discussion on what the learning looks like for a remote learner at the high school level while at home in isolation.

VIII. Adjourn

<i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i>		Motion: Carol Coles Motion passed without objection
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Adjourned at 6:55pm

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

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

**UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Operations - March 1, 2022 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus  
Personnel & Finance - March 1, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus  
Educational Policy - March 1, 2022 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

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