

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

**DATE: February 26, 2019**

**Place: The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus**

**Time: 7:00pm**

**In attendance:** Carol Coles, Cherieann Harrison, Doug Dunlap, ~~Scott Erb~~, Irv Faunce, Lisa Laflin, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, Ryan Morgan, Lidie Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Iris Silverstein, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney, Chris Marshall, Hallie Pike, Olivia Schank, Riley Drummond

**Also present:** Monique Poulin, ~~James Black~~, Nichole Goodspeed, Tracy Williams, Keith Acedo, Lisa Sinclair, Melissa Williams, ~~Andy Hutchins~~, ~~Glenn Kapiloff~~, ~~Jonathan Chalmers~~, ~~Richard Joseph~~, ~~Katie Duchesne~~, ~~Todd Demmons~~, ~~Joel Smith~~, John Jones, Cynthia Bernstein

- I. Call to Order
  - A. 7:01 pm
- II. Pledge
- III. Report of the Chairperson
  - A. Operations Committee will visit schools to better understand the facility needs on March 4th, will start at 8:30 at CCHS
  - B. School Budget Workshop All Day in the Forum at MBC
  - C. April 5th the State Legislature will come to RSU 9 and discuss various topics at MBC
  - D. February 15th, Maine School Board Association requested that we share a statement on LD240.
  - E. Educational and Cultural Affairs, LD97 (suicide prevention) and LD98 (grant application and award services)
- A. Good news stories from Board/Administrators
  - a. Monique Poulin shared that Dan Ryder was selected as for a Teaching Excellence Award and attended the gala. The Nordic and alpine boys and girls team came in at second place in the State meet.
- IV. Public Comment
  - A. No public comment.
- V. Consent Agenda
  - A. New Hire/Resignations/Retirements
    - a. Katy Perry and Sharri Kapiloff are retiring and Tina Meserve thanked them for their service.
  - B. Consideration of Committee Minutes
    - i. Educational Policy meeting minutes February 5, 2019

- ii. Operations Committee meeting minutes February 7, 2019
- iii. Personnel & Finance meeting minutes February 7, 2019
- C. Consideration of the Board minutes from February 12, 2019

Motion to approve consent agenda	Yeas: all present Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Betsey Hyde Motion: Passed
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VI. Committee/Board Reports

A. Operations

Jeff Harris reported external and internal activities occurring in our facilities

B. Personnel & Finance

Irv Faunce reported out on live streaming, sound system, the strategic planning process, and including the board on decisions regarding these topics. The budget was discussed and current expenditure was as expected.

C. Educational Policy

No news to report.

D. Dropout Prevention committee

Carol Coles reported that the committee will meet quarterly. The initial meeting identified core issues. Students, staff, community members and administrators were present. Issues include truancy, personnel, as well as strengths that include a welcoming presence. Monique Poulin shared drop out numbers.

VII. New Business

A. Northeast/STEM field trip request-Jake Bogar

Motion to approve the Northeast/STEM field trip	Yeas: all present Nays: none Abstained: none Vote: 15:0	Motion: Angie LeClair Seconded: Doug Dunlap Motion: Passed
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B. Strategic Planning for 2019-2020

Tina Meserve reported on her previous experience of strategic planning. An outside facilitator was used to help the board gather information and identify common themes across constituents. This information was used by the board to create a strategic plan that represented the values of the community

Discussion included ensuring buy-in from the community, the importance of getting all the community members and stakeholders voices, helpful to see what the bigger goal for RSU 9 in regards to education and facilities. There was support for an outside facilitator.

Motion to: To initiate a strategic plan process after July 1st and to recommend that the budget committee allocates up to \$20,000.	Yeas: all present Nays: none Abstained: none Vote: 15: 0	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Angie LeClair Motion: Passed
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Recess started at 8:12  
Resumed session at 8:16

C. Live Streaming meetings

Irv Faunce barriers to live streaming board meetings, including cost, staff/students available in the evening, and amount of viewers watching live streaming of board minutes (average typical 3-5 with low of 3 to a high of 15 viewers).

Discussion included if there would be a potential to just audio tape, the need for some projection of sound even without live streaming and lack of trained, available and interested students to attend night meetings. The meetings are open for the public to attend in person.

Motion to: Suspend live streaming of meetings for 1 year.	Yeas: 10 (all others present) Nays: 5 (Debbie Smith, Jesse Sillanpaa, Craig Stickney, Doug Dunlap, Angie LeClair) Abstained: none Vote: 10: 5 (612:305)	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Jeff Harris Motion: Passed
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D. Second readings:

i. JLF Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect  
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Motion to approve the second reading of JLF, JLFA, JLF-E Reporting Child Abuse, and Neglect	Yeas: 14 (all others) Nays: 1 (Ryan Morgan) Abstained: none Vote: 14:1 (833:84)	Motion: Jesse Sillanpaa Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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Betsey Hyde left at 8:34

E. First readings: moved to next reading on March 12, 2019

- i. ACAB Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees
- ii. ACAB-R Employee Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure
- iii. AC Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
  
- iv. IHBAC Child Find

No discussion, and IHBAC Child Find was moved to next reading.

VIII. Superintendent's Report-Tina Meserve

Tina Meserve Reported that the RSU 9 calendar was set up so that snow days are added to the end of the school year. That will continue until we have 3 more snow days. She will recommend alternative measures for making up days beyond June 21st. Dick Davis, Farmington Town Manager and member of the Farmington Rotary asked Tina to make a presentation at a Rotary meeting on school funding and the budget process. That presentation was last week. Also reported on a meeting with Community Concepts, who works with our district for early childhood programming. Safety Committee has met a few times to review the recent safety incident, as well as meeting with local law enforcement and the DA's office. Tina reported on the work that Civil Rights Teams have been doing in our school district.

Angie LeClair motioned Lisa Lafflin seconded. All present voted unanimously, motion passed

IX. Executive session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Evaluation of officials/appointees/employees

X. Adjournment

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

March 12, 2019-7:00pm-Board Meeting-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus

March 26, 2019-7:00pm-Board Meeting-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

School Board Budget Committee-February 27, 2019-9:00am-4:30pm-Forum at Mt. Blue Campus

School Board Budget Committee-March 6, 2019-7:00pm-9:00pm-Mt. Blue Campus (Room TBD)

School Board Budget Committee-March 14, 2019-7:00pm-9:00pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus

School Board Budget Committee-March 21, 2019- 7:00pm-9:00pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus

School Board Budget Committee-March 28, 2019-7:00pm-9:00pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus