

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors

Minutes

DATE: February 9, 2021

Place: Zoom

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://vimeo.com/510684985>

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~~

Also present: Keith Acedo, Nancy Allen, ~~Cynthia Bernstein~~, James Black, Chad Brackett, Jeff Brazee, Laura Columbia, ~~Galen Dalrymple~~, ~~Todd Demmons~~, Katie Duchesne, Nichole Goodspeed, William Greenlaw, ~~Andy Hutchins~~, John Jones, ~~Richard Joseph~~, Kris Pottle, Lisa ~~Sinelair~~, Joel Smith, Melissa Williams, Tracy Williams

- I. Call to Order at 6:32pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance - led by Teagan and Thatcher Landry, CCHS students
- III. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)
 - A. Labor Contract discussion for the Teacher's Bargaining Unit
 - B. Update on the Teacher/Support Staff MOU Negotiations
 - C. Commencement of Negotiations for Administrators and Support Staff

Entered Executive Session: 6:36pm

Motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(D) - Labor Contract discussion for the Teacher's Bargaining Unit - Teacher/Support Staff MOU Negotiations - and Commencement of Negotiations for Administrators and Support Staff	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, Craig Stickney, Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:)	Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Cherieann Harrison Motion: Passed
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Exited Executive Session: 7:14pm

- IV. Public Comment
 - A. Doug Hodum, resident of Farmington, teacher, and association president shared a joint statement regarding a shared commitment to resolution.
- V. Report of the Chairperson
 - A. Updates
 1. Brief update of superintendent search with the organization and surveys.

2. Board members - If you are interested in participating in the negotiations, please contact Angie LeClair.
 - B. Good news stories from Board/Administrator
 1. Laura Columbia shared the pledge of allegiance request in that we are looking for other students interested in leading in the pledge.
 2. James Black, principal at Mt.Blue Middle School, shared the food boxes that Healthy Community Coalition shared with staff.
 3. Gwen Doak, shared gratitude for the school counselors working with the full remote learning students.
- VI. Superintendent's Report - Monique Poulin
- A. [New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements](#)
 1. Pam Brooks, from Academy Hill School.
 - B. Updates regarding:
 1. Business manager search is moving forward, with interviews starting in March.
 2. Please be reminded that we have a table documenting our cumulative COVID-19 cases on our website and that we are sharing communications regularly.
 3. Our district Facebook page hosts the video featuring Andy Hutchins, our food service director, thanking our food service staff.
- VII. Presentations
- A. Update on Solar Array Project - Kurt Penney, ReVision Energy
 1. The RSU 9 solar project has not been affected by recent CMP events and will be starting shortly. He also reported being pleased with the progress, and thanks RSU 9 for their patience. Discussion was heard regarding educating and including students in this process, as well as an overview of the long term contract.
 - B. MBHS Sports Hall of Fame - Chad Brackett / James Black
 1. [PowerPoint](#)
 2. [MBHS Sports Hall of Fame Bylaws](#)
 3. [MBHS Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#)
 4. Discussion was heard around funding sources such as donations and contributions from local businesses, as well as the process and number of nominees per year. Please contact James Black or Chad Brackett if you have any questions.
 - C. [Year to Date Financial Report](#) (July 2020 - Dec. 2020) - Kris Pottle
 1. Discussion was heard regarding the overall state of the budget through mid-year.
- VIII. Consent Agenda
- A. Minutes from [January 26, 2021](#)
 - B. No 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, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney, Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:)	Motion: Wayne Kinney Seconded: Lisa Laflin Motion: Passed
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- IX. Committee Reports from February 2, 2021 - Meetings cancelled (weather)
 - 1. Operations
 - 2. Personnel & Finance
 - 3. Educational Policy
 - 4. Drop-out Prevention - Carol Coles will provide an update at the next board meeting.
- X. New Business
 - A. MBHS Sports Hall of Fame Bylaws
 - 1. No discussion.

Motion to approve the MBHS Sports Hall of Fame Bylaws and Nomination Form as presented	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, Craig Stickney, Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:)	Motion: Debbie Smith Seconded: Betsey Hyde Motion:
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- B. First and Final Readings
 - 1. [ACAB](#) - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees
 - 2. [ACAB-R](#) - Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

Motion to approve the first and final readings of RSU 9 board policies ACAB -	Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris,	Motion: Dennis O'Neil Seconded: Betsey Hyde Motion: Passed
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Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees, and ACAB-R - Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures	Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney, Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:)	
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XI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn without objection	Yeas: Nays: Abstained: Vote:	Motion: Angie LeClair Seconded: Motion: No objection
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Adjourned: 8:14 pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Feb. 23, 2021 - 6:30pm - Location TBD

Mar. 9, 2021 - 6:30pm - Location TBD

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - Mar. 2, 2021 - 5:00pm - Location TBD

Personnel & Finance - Mar. 2, 2021 - 6:00pm - Location TBD

Educational Policy - Mar. 2, 2021 - 7:00pm - Location TBD