

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors

Minutes

DATE: March 23, 2021

Place: Zoom

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://vimeo.com/528534545>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison (entered 6:53pm), Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney (exited 8:15pm), Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney

Also present: ~~Keith Aede~~, 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~~, Cheryl Pike, Kris Pottle, Lisa Sinclair, Joel Smith, Melissa Williams, ~~Tracy Williams~~

- I. Call to Order - 6:34pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Sylvia Stadelman, 6th grade, Mt. Blue Middle School
- III. Public Comment
 - A. Sarah Reynolds, 3rd grade teacher at CBS and parent, shared her thoughts and concerns about changing the educational model this late in the school year. She also shared that the teacher input/feedback gathering sessions have been greatly appreciated by the teaching staff.
- IV. Report of the Chairperson
 - A. Updates
 1. Very busy week with budget meetings, superintendent interviews, and negotiating contracts.
 - B. Good news stories from Board/Administrator
 1. Joel Smith, MBHS principal, shared the FBLA students attended the virtual State Leadership Conference and several won or placed in a variety of the events. He thanked the group advisor, Regina Savage, for her work with the group.
 2. Laura Columbia, RSU 9 director of curriculum, recognized Erin Landry for organizing literacy nights with DDG gift certificates as perks for attendees, as well as the teams who have been completing contact tracing. She also shared the success of the recent district workshop.
 3. Jeff Harris, board vice-chair, thanked the entire board and staff for working hard toward our common goals.

4. Craig Stickney, board member, shared that the Citizens for Common Sense Education group has donated books to CCHS. If any other elementary school is interested, they can connect with Bob Millay.
5. Melissa Williams, FCTEC director, announced that Foster Tech has received the ambulance that was recently purchased and students have been conducting mock accidents as part of their EMS class.

V. Superintendent's Report - Monique Poulin

A. [New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements](#)

B. Updates regarding:

1. We are currently working with WMEC to explore options for remote education in the 21/22 school year as a centralized remote academy.
2. The budget subcommittee will be meeting to discuss the FY22 budget.
3. The state assessment this year will be NWEA. This was recently announced for grades 3-8 and the 3rd year of high school.
4. The business manager nominee has withdrawn their name, and we will be reposting the position.
5. Wonderful to see all of the amazing things happening in our schools during school visits this past week.

VI. Presentations

A. [Update on ESSER 2 Planning](#) - Sue Pratt

1. Requests were reviewed and designated for local budget or ESSER 2 grants.
2. Discussion was heard regarding adding items to ESSER 2 or to include in local, with a balance of being responsible to our communities and meeting the current needs of our circumstances.

B. [Update on RSU 9 School Models](#) - Laura Columbia

1. There was discussion related to the three models and questions were answered about our current protocols. An EAC meeting is scheduled for 3/24 regarding the input and next steps.

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from [March 9, 2021](#)

<p><i>Motion to approve consent agenda</i></p>	<p>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 (1001:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Lisa Laflin Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed</p>
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- VIII. Committee Reports - None
1. Operations
 2. Personnel & Finance
 3. Educational Policy
 4. Drop-out Prevention

IX. New Business

A. Second and Final Reading of Board policy [BDE - Board Committees](#)

<p><i>Motion to approve the Second and Final Reading of Board policy BDE - Board Committees</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (917:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Doug Dunlap Seconded: Jesse Sillanpaa Motion: Passed</p>
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B. Approve [New Hire](#)

<p><i>Motion to approve the new hire (Brendan Hickey, Music/Choral Teacher) as presented by Interim Superintendent Poulin in her report</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (917:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Irv Faunce Motion: Passed</p>
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C. [Approve 2021/22 School Calendar](#)

<p><i>Motion to approve the 2021/22 School Calendar as presented by Interim Superintendent Poulin</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (917:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Irv Faunce Motion: Passed</p>
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- X. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) - Update on Superintendent Search

<p><i>Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(D) - Update on Superintendent Search</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 15:0:0 (917:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed</p>
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Time entered: 8:26pm

Time exited: 8:42pm

XI. Adjourn at 8:43pm

<p><i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Nays: Abstained: Vote:</p>	<p>Motion: Angie LeClair Seconded: Cherieann Harrison Motion: Passed without objection</p>
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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

April 6, 2021 - 6:30pm - *SPECIAL BOARD MEETING* - Location TBD

April 13, 2021 - 6:30 - Location TBD

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

March 25, 2021 - 6:30 - 8:30pm - Recording will be posted

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - May 4, 2021 - 5:00pm - Location TBD

Personnel & Finance - May 4, 2021 - 6:00pm - Location TBD

Educational Policy - May 4, 2021 - 7:00pm - Location TBD