

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors

Minutes

DATE: March 9, 2021

Place: Zoom

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://vimeo.com/521804543>

In attendance: ~~Carol Coles~~, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, ~~Irv Faunce~~, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin (entered at 6:36pm), Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney

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 Sinclair, Joel Smith, Melissa Williams, ~~Tracy Williams~~

- I. Call to Order at 6:32pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Morey's Kindergarten Class - G. D. Cushing School - Gold Cohort
- III. Public Comment
 - A. Nicole Ball shared a wonderful experience of winter fun day at W.G. Mallett School.
- IV. Report of the Chairperson
 - A. Updates
 1. Student representative, Whitney Fraser, has officially stepped down from the board. Angela LeClair shared the letter from the student. Joel Smith will begin reaching out for four new student representatives for next year. Doug Dunlap has offered to mentor the new student representatives.
 2. A superintendent search update was shared. The team is making progress and is undergoing confidentiality training this week. They will be conducting interviews next week.
 3. The teams are moving forward with negotiations for the professional staff contract. Negotiation meetings have started for the administrator contract.
 - B. Good news stories from Board/Administrator
 1. Melissa Williams, Director of FTC, reported that March is National CTE month. The Forestry Program spent one morning greeting local nurses in support of the work they have done. They are also celebrating each of the various programs through social media. She shared that it has been a successful year so far in the new EMT Program.
 2. Nancy Allen, Director of Adult Education, gave a shout out to John Moore, for allowing the use of the movie theatre space to meet with students.
 3. Lisa Sinclair, Cape Cod Hill School principal, sent a shout to the Healthy Community Coalition for sharing food boxes. She also sent a shout out to

the school librarians for purchasing books, as well as the CCHS PTO for putting on activities to keep parents involved. She also talked about the quality programming of the Remote Learning Academy.

4. John Jones, Director of Special Education, shared a shout out to the administrative team and all staff members for their work and problem solving.
5. Joel Smith, Mt. Blue High School principal, shared that the Girls and Boys Alpine Teams each won their Kvac Championship. He also gave a shout out to the basketball teams for their commitment throughout the season.

V. Superintendent's Report - Monique Poulin

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

B. Updates Regarding:

1. Interviews for our business manager were conducted last week, and we are hoping to bring a candidate forward at the next meeting.
2. Dick Harvey, former employee, passed away recently.
3. Update on vaccinations including priority for school staff, as well as an age-based approach. The district has been in communication with local pharmacies and hospital networks regarding implementation of vaccines.
4. The administrative team has been working on the budget process and will begin presentations to the board subcommittee on Friday.

VI. Presentations

A. [Technology Update](#) - Jeff Brazee

1. Presentation and timeline on the work that has been accomplished so far this year. He also included an explanation of digital resources and hours of availability for phone support. Planning for the future included replacement plans and next steps.
2. Questions were heard regarding increasing access to technology.

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from [February 23, 2021](#)

<p><i>Motion to approve consent agenda</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, 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: Abstained: Vote: 14:0:0 (892:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Lisa Laflin Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed</p>
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VIII. Committee Reports from March 2, 2021

A. [Operations](#)

1. Lisa Laflin shared updates from the COVID-19 Safety Committee, ESSER 2 federal grant funds and priorities, and operation priorities.

B. [Personnel & Finance](#)

1. Kirk Doyle reported on the following updates: Superintendent and Business Manager searches, Earned Paid Leave, modifications for Policy BDE, future technology purchases, and the superintendent evaluation.

C. [Educational Policy](#)

1. Debbie Smith reported on the following updates: Antiracism Committee and next steps, graduation requirements for IKF, the schedule for policy review and suggestions for prioritizing policies that need adjustments.

D. Drop-Out Prevention

1. Doug Dunlap shared the academic support offered to students in grades 6-12 over February Break, as well as the program occurring in Starks to provide tutoring to students lacking internet connectivity. Other community projects such as collaborating with area nursing homes and mentoring programs were discussed.

IX. New Business

A. Update - 20/21 School Calendar (Laura Columbia)

1. Request that the March 26 ½ day be changed to a full workshop day for staff
 - a) Full day off for students
2. Laura will present again at the March 23 Board Meeting

<p><i>Move to change March 26 to a full workshop day for staff, not a student ½ day.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, 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: Abstained: Vote: 14:0:0 (892:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Dennis O’Neil Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed</p>
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B. First Reading - [BDE](#) - Board Committees

X. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) Employment of Officials/Appointees/Employees

<p><i>Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(A) Employment of Officials /Appointees/Employees</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O’Neil, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney</p>	<p>Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed</p>
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	Nays: Abstained: Vote: 14:0:0 (892:0:0)	
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Time entered: 7:49pm

Time exited: 8:11pm

Motion to approve the leave request as it was presented to the Board	Yeas: Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, 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: Abstained: Vote: 14:0:0 (892:0:0)	Motion: Doug Dunlap Seconded: Cherieann Harrison Motion: Passed
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XI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn without objection	Yeas: Nays: Abstained: Vote:	Motion: Angie LeClair Seconded: Motion: Approved without objection
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Adjourned: 8:13pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

March 23, 2021 - 6:30pm - Location TBD

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

March 12, 2021 - 9:00am - 4:30pm - Recording will be posted

March 19, 2021 - 9:00am - 4:00pm - Recording will be posted

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