

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors

Minutes

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DATE: April 12, 2022

Place: The Forum

Time: 7:45pm (or immediately following the Community Forum)

Meeting Video: <https://vimeo.com/699022121>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy “Dee” Robinson

Absent: Debbie Smith, Cherieann Harrison

Also present: Nancy Allen, Jeff Brazee, Beth Christopher (Zoom), Laura Columbia, Katie Duchesne, Chris Elkington, Nichole Goodspeed, Richard Joseph, Jennifer Pooler, Monique Poulin (Zoom), Melissa Williams (Zoom), Tracy Williams, Sherry Wyman

- I. Called to Order at 7:50pm - Coles
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - A. None
- IV. Report of the Chairperson - Carol Coles
 - A. [BCA Board Member Code of Ethics](#)
 1. Focus Item - L
 - B. [MSMA Policy Development News](#) - Annual Update
- V. Communications
 - A. RSU 9 [Staff Members of the Month for March 2022](#)
 1. Support Staff - Wendy Ross, librarian at Cape Cod Hill School
 2. Professional Staff - Melissa Brown, special education teacher at Academy Hill School
 3. Gloria McGraw, board member from Farmington, will be delivering the awards this month

VI. Public Comment

- A. None

VII. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Christian Elkington

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. COVID-19 Update
- C. Strategic Planning Team Update (Chair Laflin)
 - 1. Upcoming meetings are April 27, May 2, and May 23, 2022. Work will begin on goals and action steps. A request was made to include future meeting dates in the Board agenda and minutes.
- D. May 4th to May 3rd
 - 1. The date of the Special Board Meeting to Call the Referendum, Approve the Public Hearing date, and Sign the Warrants was changed to May 3 and will replace the May committee meetings.
- E. Maine Community Foundation Literacy Grant
- F. Electric Bus Possibility
- G. Robotics Team continues to excel
- H. Potential Universal School Meals Change

VIII. Administrator Reports

- A. [Cascade Brook School](#) - Nichole Goodspeed, Principal
 - 1. Questions were heard about the playground equipment replacement.
- B. [Foster Career and Technical Education Center](#)
 - 1. Judith Kaut thanked FCTEC forestry students and instructors for stepping in to help Mt. Blue Garden Club with work at the WWI Memorial Arch. Questions were heard about the composites program and the pieces they are creating.
- C. [Transportation](#) - Richard Joseph, Transportation Specialist
 - 1. Richard Joseph spoke about the possibilities of electric buses for the district. Questions about mud season and buses on dirt roads, the ambulance to box truck conversions, the length of bus runs, and the battery life during the winter for electric buses.

IX. Presentations

- A. None

- X. Consent Agenda
 - A. New Hires
 - B. Board Meeting Minutes from [March 22, 2022](#)
 - C. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 - 1. Operations Committee - [April 5, 2022](#)
 - 2. Personnel & Finance - [April 5, 2022](#)
 - 3. Educational Policy - [April 5, 2022](#)

<i>Motion to approve the consent agenda</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (904:0:0)	Motion: Lisa Laflin Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

- XI. New Business
 - A. Community School Designation for Cape Cod Hill School
 - 1. [One page proposal - Community School](#)
 - 2. [Petition to be a Community School](#) - Slideshow
 - 3. Move forward with declaring Cape Cod Hill School as a Community School to qualify for potential grant funds from Maine DOE

<i>Motion to approve Cape Cod Hill School as a Community School</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (904:0:0)	Motion: Wayne Kinney Seconded: Betsey Hyde Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

- B. Foster Tech Field Trip Request

1. [Boston - Fenway Park](#) - STEM college and career fair - Red Sox Game

<i>Motion to approve Foster Tech Field Trip request to Boston</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (904:0:0)	Motion: Gwen Doak Seconded: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

C. Second and Final Reading of Board Policies

1. [IJJ](#): Instructional and Library-Media Materials Selection

<i>Motion to approve the second and final reading of Board Policy IJJ: Instruction and Library-Media Materials Selection</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (904:0:0)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Doug Dunlap Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

2. [CBI](#) - Evaluation of the Superintendent

a) Evaluation of the Superintendent - [Tool](#)

<i>Motion to approve the second and final reading of Board Policy CBI: Evaluation of the Superintendent</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (904:0:0)	Motion: Dee Robinson Seconded: Gwen Doak Motion: Passed
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Discussion was heard about the planned delay in the evaluation of the superintendent due to COVID. The process was explained with the goal of evaluation happening soon.

<i>Motion to approve the Evaluation of the Superintendent Tool</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Mark Prentiss, Josh Robbins, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson Nays: None Abstained: None Vote: 14:0:0 (904:0:0)	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed
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No discussion was heard.

D. First Reading of Board Policy

1. Draft [JLC](#): Wellness Policy

a) No Discussion was heard.

XII. Adjourn

<i>Motion to adjourn without objection</i>		Motion: Carol Coles Motion: Passed without objection
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Adjourned at 8:29pm.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

- April 26, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
- May 3, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus - Special Board Meeting
- May 10, 2022 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

UPCOMING STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- April 27, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
- May 2, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus
- May 23, 2022 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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