

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors Minutes

DATE: April 28, 2020

Time: 6:30pm

Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Carol Coles, Cherieann Harrison, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Dennis O'Neil, Irv Faunce, Lisa Laflin, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, J.Wayne Kinney, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney, ~~Olivia Schanek, Riley Drummond,~~ Whitney Fraser, ~~Alejandro Magdelano~~

Also present: Monique Poulin, James Black, Keith Acedo, Lisa Sinclair, Melissa Williams, Andy Hutchins, Bill Greenlaw, Richard Joseph, ~~Katie Duchesne, Todd Demmons,~~ Joel Smith, John Jones, Cynthia Bernstein, Laura Columbia, Kris Pottle, Chad Brackett, Darcy Dunphy, Ray Therrien, Nichole Goodspeed, Tracy Williams

- I. Call to Order 6:32 pm
- II. Pledge
- III. Public Comment
 - A. Doug Hodum, a science teacher at MBHS, regarding grading policy changes.
 - B. Report of the Chairperson
 1. Good news stories from Board/Administrator
 2. Maine School Board Association is looking to get feedback on the board's perspective on what the most important factors are when returning back to school. Please share any of the comments or feedback to Angie LeClair. This will be reviewed at the next Educational Policy Committee on 5/5/20.
 3. Good News Stories
 - a) Doug Dunlap shared his thankfulness for the community support as a whole.
 - b) Monique Poulin, principal at MBC, Karri Dwyer, the senior class advisor who coordinated an awesome sign campaign for our seniors.
 - c) Cynthia Bernstein, assistant special education director, shared an example of a speech therapist working with a student
 - d) Laura Columbia shared that Jennifer Pooler and Sarah Reynolds have been working on getting books into the hands of students.
- IV. Superintendent's Report-Tina Meserve

- A. Retirements and resignations
 - 1. Strategic Planning: we have been released from the cancelation policy in the contract so we will be extending the work into next year without penalty. Tentative dates are August 18th and 20th for our community forums.
 - 2. Retirements: Craig Cahill, Jan Welch, Sheryl Farnum and Michelle Witt
 - 3. Resignations: Amy Tracy and Jessica Liebowitz
- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Board meeting minutes from March 17, 2020
 - B. Board meeting minutes from April 14, 2020
 - 1. Review votes for motions on the grading procedures pg. 5, out of order (yays and nays), revise corrected number count

Motion to approve amended consent agenda	Yeas: Carol Coles, Cherieann Harrison, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Dennis O'Neil, Irv Faunce, Lisa Laflin, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, J.Wayne Kinney, Debbie Smith, Nays: Craig Stickney Abstained: 0 Vote: (15 :1) (927:74)	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Lisa Laflin Motion: Passed
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Craig Stickney motioned to remove Cherieann Harrison as Chair and Irv Faunce as Vice Chair. There was no second. The motion was withdrawn and then requested that it be added to the next agenda meeting.

- VI. Committee Reports
 - 1. Operations-none
 - 2. Personnel & Finance-none
 - 3. Educational Policy-none
 - 4. Drop-out Prevention-none
 - a) Committee will be meeting on 4/29 through Zoom.
- VII. New Business
 - A. FY 2021 Budget Proposal
 - 1. Superintendent presented the FY 21 budget proposal from the Budget Committee by warrant article. There is a 0.27% local increase.
 - B. Deliberation on FY 2021 Budget Proposal

1. Kirk Doyle expressed appreciation to the budget committee and possibility of removing some requests to come in at 0% increase.
2. Irv Faunce thanked the budget committee for a thorough and clear budget. He would like to add a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counselor.
3. Craig Stickney would like to add the Success and Innovation Center.
4. Carol Coles shared support for adding a part or full time Drug and Alcohol Counselor. Requested information on current year's budget.
 - a) Tina responded that we anticipate around \$2 million in carryover. Unspent funds go into fund balance and need to be audited. Fund balance is used in future budgets and to lessen the tax impact.
5. Kirk Doyle shared that the Drug and Alcohol Counselor is needed, but unsure of what the role will be and what the impact will be.

Motion to extend the meeting to 8:45	Yeas: All present Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 16:0	Motion: Dennis O'Neil Seconded: Jesse Sillanpaa Motion: Passed
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6. Dennis O'Neil shared that he disagrees with lowering the budget amount, just to show an arbitrary 0% increase. Some communities will pay more than 0. Items are either needed or not.
 7. Betsey Hyde shared the concerns on what others have shared, especially the Drug and Alcohol Counselor, as well as the Success and Innovation Center.
 8. Jesse Sillanpaa asked about wages and bringing ed techs to full time.
- *Jesse Sillanpaa left meeting due to connection issues at 8:45

Motion to resume budget deliberations at next full board meeting	Yeas: Kirk Doyle, Craig Stickney, Debbie Smith, Lisa Lafflin, Tami Labul, Dennis O'Neil, Josh Robbins, J. Wayne Kinney Nays: Doug Dunlap, Cherieann Harrison, Carol Coles, Betsey Hyde, Angie LeClair, Jeff Harris, Irv Faunce Abstained: Vote: 8:7 (505:446)	Motion: Wayne Kinney Seconded: Irv Faunce Motion: Passed
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Motion to extend the meeting to 8:55	Yeas: All present Nays: 0 Abstained: 0	Motion: Dennis O'Neil Seconded: Angie LeClair Motion: Passed
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	Vote: 15:0 (951:0)	
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C. To appoint teachers to a 2nd or 3rd-year probationary contract or continuing contract

Motion to approve probationary and continuing contracts as proposed by the superintendent	Yeas: All present Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0 (951:0)	Motion: Wayne Kinney Seconded: Angie LeClair Motion: Passed
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2nd Year Probationary Contract for the 2020-2021 school year:

Allison	Natasha	MBMS
Bailey	Courtney	AHS
Brann	Kirsten	MBMS
Clement	Kathryn	CCH
Davis	Amber	MBC - CTE
Donoghue	Kevin	MBC
Dudash	Shane	MBC - SPED
Edmondson	Ethan	MBC/CBS
Geisser	Nathan	CCH
Hanson	Hannah	Cushing/AHS
Harris	Delresian	MBC - CTE
Hatch	Laurie	AHS - SPED
Hinckley	Katie-Jean	Mallett/CCH
Jenckes	Jaycee	MBMS
Lailer	Vickie	Mallett
LeClair	Elizabeth	MBC - CTE
Lee	Shannon	AHS
Malinauskas	Adam	MBC
McMullen	Jordan	MBC
Pingree	Michael	MBMS
Snell	Joanna	MBC
Teacutter	Haley	AHS
Walsh	Kayla	Cushing

Wentworth	Katelin	MBMS
White	Danielle	Mallett - SPED
Wilson	Anna	CBS
Wright	Ethan	MBC
Neveux	Michelle	MBC
Parsons	Karin	MBC
Thompson	Peter	MBMS

3rd Year Probationary Contract for the 2020-2021 school year:

Conlogue	Griffin	MBMS
Cousineau	Mindy	Mallett - PAL
Crandall	Sarita	MBMS
Cushing	Brooke	Mallett
Georgen	Carly	Mallett - SPED
Harrison	Thomas	MBC - CTE
Hinkley	Ashley	AHS
Ingraham-Quimby	Heather	MBMS
Kemp	Chantel	CBS - SPED
Mayo	Zachary	MBMS
Merrill	Dean	MBC - CTE
Merrill	Allicea	MBC - SPED
Minear	Kyle	MBC - CTE
Perry	Jacob	CBS - SPED
Redmond-Luce	Mary	MBC - CTE
Richards	Kasey	CCH
Roberts	Jake	MBC
Rondinone	Gina	CBS
Stenger	Kendra	AHS/CBS/CCH
Strickland	Janneke	CBS
Witham	Mark	MBC - CTE

Continuing Contract beginning the 2020-2021 school year:

Adamse	Nienke	MBC
Chernesky	Pamela	MBC
Conlogue	Zachary	MBC
Dennis	Catherine	CBS
Desjardins	Kathryn	Mallett - SPED
Girardin	Kayla	MBMS
Joseph	Kathleen	MBC
Knapp	Tracy	MBMS
Labrecque	Kenneth	AHS/CBS/MBMS
Lander	Kali	Mallett
Paradis	Alexandria	CCH
Spiller	Rodney	MBC - CTE
Wyman	Sherry	MBMS

VIII. Adjourn 8:55

Motion to adjourn	Yeas: All present Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0 (951:0)	Motion: Angie LeClair Seconded: Lisa Laflin Motion: Passed
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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

May 12, 2020-6:30 pm Zoom Meeting

May 26, 2020-6:30 pm Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

May 5, 2020-5:00pm-Operations Committee-Zoom Meeting

May 5, 2020-6:00pm-Personnel & Finance-Zoom Meeting

May 5, 2020-7:00 pm -Educational Policy Committee-Zoom Meeting