

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors

Minutes

DATE: May 11, 2021

Place: Zoom

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://vimeo.com/548336027>

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

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 6:33pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comment
 - A. Sarah Carlson, 4th grade remote teacher, shared that one of their students won the poster contest, and were able to visit the capital for the award.
 - B. Nicole Ball, kindergarten teacher at WGM, shared an experience of using the iPad and success in learning.
 - C. Joel Smith, MBHS principal, commented that planning for graduation, prom, and other end of year activities is ongoing for the high school.
 - D. Tracy Williams, WGM principal, gave a shout out to the PTA and staff members for their work at WGM school.
 - E. Melissa Williams, Foster Tech director, shared that the loggers meet will be happening within our school, and the robotics team had a fantastic year.
- IV. Report of the Chairperson
 - A. Updates
 1. No updates; information will be shared in the committee reports.
 - B. Good news stories from Board/Administrators
 1. James Black, MBMS principal, reported on the success of the NWEA implementation, crediting the team that put it all together, as well as the excitement of seeing sports in person.
 2. Kirk Doyle, Farmington board rep, shared the theater production of Emma, and the great job that was done by staff and cast.
 3. Laura Columbia, curriculum coordinator, shared a shout out to the nurses, administrators, and staff members for all of their work in contact tracing.

- V. Superintendent's Report - Monique Poulin
 - A. [New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements](#)
 - B. Updates regarding:
 1. Retirement of school resource officer, Bridgette Gilbert; ESSER 2 approval; Full Plates Full Potential grant received; hosting vaccine clinics; moving forward with hiring of candidates; open positions regarding special education; recognition of nurses; teacher appreciation week and appreciation for all RSU 9 employees.

- VI. Presentations
 - A. None

- VII. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes from [April 27, 2021](#), [May 4, 2021](#), and [May 6, 2021](#)

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, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0:0 (970:0:0)	Motion: Jesse Sillanpaa Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Operations - [May 4, 2021](#)
 - B. Personnel & Finance - [May 4, 2021](#)
 - C. Educational Policy - [May 4, 2021](#)
 - D. Drop-Out Prevention - Update from Carol Coles
 1. It is a state mandated committee governed by school policy. The current committee is following all statutes. Work this year includes a current mission statement, a survey for 8th graders to assist in the transition to high school, and a pilot project in Starks, as well as consideration of other ways to engage students in learning.

- IX. New Business
 - A. Approve [New Hire](#)

<i>Motion to approve teacher new hire candidate as presented by Interim Superintendent Poulin *Jessica Gilbert - Resource Room, MBMS</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Dennis O'Neil, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 14:0:0 (941:0:0)	Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Cherieann Harrison Motion: Passed
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B. First reading of Board Policy [IKF](#): Graduation Requirements

1. Discussion was heard regarding course offerings and requirements.

Moved to second reading.

C. To appoint teachers to a 2nd- or 3rd-year probationary contract or continuing contract - list included as part of the Superintendent's Report

<p><i>Motion to approve probationary and continuing contracts as proposed by the interim superintendent</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, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0:0 (970:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed</p>
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X. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F)

A. Update on confidential legal matter

<p><i>Motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(F) - to receive an update on a confidential legal matter</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, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0:0 (970:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed</p>
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Time entered: 7:21pm

Time exited: 7:31pm

XI. Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)

A. Update on negotiations for Professional Staff

B. Update on negotiations for Administrators

C. Update on negotiations for Support Staff

<p><i>Motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(D) - to receive updates on negotiations with Professional Staff and Administrators; and</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, Jesse Sillanpaa,</p>	<p>Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed</p>
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<i>Update on upcoming negotiations for Support Staff Contract</i>	Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0:0 (970:0:0)	
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Time entered: 7:36pm

Time exited: 8:26pm

<i>Motion to ratify the Administrators Contract that was negotiated by the Board Negotiations Committee</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: Cherieann Harrison Abstained: Dennis O'Neil Vote: 13:1:1 (812:74:84)	Motion: Kirk Doyle Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed
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XII. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Employment/Appointment of Officials/Appointees/Employees

<i>Motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to consider the employment of a Superintendent candidate</i>	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, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0:0 (970:0:0)	Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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Time entered: 8:30pm

Time exited: 8:40pm

<i>Motion to approve Christian Elkington as the new Superintendent for RSU 9 starting July 1, 2021</i>	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, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0	Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Jesse Sillanpaa Motion: Passed
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XIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn without objection		Motion: Angie LeClair Seconded: Motion: Passed without objection
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Adjourned at 8:50pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

May 25, 2021 - Immediately Following Budget Hearing - Location TBD
June 8, 2021 - 6:30pm - TBD

VIRTUAL BUDGET HEARING

May 25, 2021 - 6:30pm - Zoom

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - June 1, 2021 - 5:00pm - Location TBD
Personnel & Finance - June 1, 2021 - 6:00pm - Location TBD
Educational Policy - June 1, 2021 - 7:00pm - Location TBD