

**Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors
Minutes**

DATE: May 14, 2019

Place: The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

**Time: 6:00 pm Reception for Top 10, FTC Student of the Year and Retirees
6:30pm-Board meeting**

In attendance: ~~Carol Coles~~, Cherieann Harrison, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Lisa Laflin, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, ~~Ryan Morgan~~, Lidie Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Iris Silverstein, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney, ~~Chris Marshall, Hallie Pike~~, Olivia Schank, Riley Drummond

Also present: Monique Poulin, James Black, Nichole Goodspeed, Tracy Williams, ~~Keith Acedo, Lisa Sinclair, Melissa Williams, Andy Hutchins, Glenn Kapiloff, Jonathan Chalmers, Richard Joseph, Katie Duchesne, Todd Demmons, Joel Smith, John Jones, Cynthia Bernstein, Laura Columbia, Kris Pottle, Chad Brackett~~

- I. Call to Order 6:41
- II. Pledge
- III. Report of the Chairperson: Cherieann Harrison reported on the following:
 1. Ryan Morgan has resigned from his school board position.
 2. Contact Cherieann Harrison to help the communication process if it is something that might be able to discuss at a future meeting, a board agenda item, ect.
- B. Good news stories from Board/Administrators
 1. General
 - a) Melissa Williams shared a field trip of Foster Tech students to CBS where the students worked together.
 - b) Monique Poulin shared the top students of the year and thanked the school board for allowing them to be recognized. And recognized the work that Deb Muise, teachers, and students put into this year's musical.
 - c) Lisa Laflin praised two groups of students that are involved in community service, the students who participated in Empty Bowls, and all RSU 9 students who delivered roses on Mother's day.
 - d) Doug Dunlap shared his visit to the bus garage.
 - e) James Black shared that two MBMS students, Mckella Ford, and Kamryn Joyce both were chosen as Maine Middle School Scholars from their eighth-grade class.
 - f) Craig Stickney shared that MBHS Art Show will be held at Emery Art Center from 5-7 on 5/16/19.
 2. Presentation: State of the Schools/Foster Tech Center Student of the Year

- a) Melissa Williams and Mat Otte (Foster Tech Center Student of the Year)

IV. Superintendent’s Report-Tina Meserve

- A. Tina Meserve reported that the budget newsletter will be going out shortly. Tina and Jeff Harris met with the Dyer Trust Committee to review applications for scholarships to New Sharon students. Mt.Blue High School had students visit from the Liulu school in China. The Adult Ed Director search was extended and the second round of interviews will take place at the end of May.
- B. April Financial Statement
 - 1. Debt has been paid out.
 - 2. There is about 1% of the budget remaining after salaries have been paid out. Only essential spending will be approved as we close out the year.
- C. Notice of transfers/resignations

V. Public Comment

- A. No public comment.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. Consideration of the Board minutes from April 23, 2019
 - 1. Clarify the ed tech section (3a, 1g)
- B. Consideration of the Board minutes from April 30, 2019
 - 1. Also present needs to be amended.
- C. Consideration of the Educational Policy minutes from April 25, 2019, & May 7, 2019
- D. Consideration of the Operations minutes from April 30, 2019

Motion to approve consent agenda	Yeas: All present Nays: none Abstained: none Vote: 14:0 (882:0)	Motion: Angie LeClair Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed
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VII. Committee Reports

- A. Dropout Prevention Committee
 - 1. Tabled to next meeting for the Chair to be present
- B. Educational Policy Committee
 - 1. Iris Silverstein reported on the work that the committee has completed in aligning RSU 9’s policies Maine DOE policies.
 - 2. The committee has been discussing the goals of the policy committee and the committee’s goal of keeping the educational goals of RSU 9 front and center for the school board.
- C. Operations Committee

1. Jeff Harris asked that Scott Erb share updates to involve all committee members. Scott Erb reported that the committee heard an update on the Western Maine Public Safety Training Facility and RSU 9's collaboration on the project. They have applied for a grant to build the facility and will know the outcome in July. Scott Erb reported that Jonathan Chalmers updated the group on projects and their status.

D. Personnel & Finance Committee

1. Irv Faunce reported that school board members have done an excellent job of signing the warrants in an effective manner. Recently the focus has been organizing and reviewing the Adult Education Director interview process.

VIII. New Business

A. To approve the JMG field trip to Bryant Pond

Motion to approve JMG Bryant Pond field trip	Yeas: All present Nays: none Abstained: none Vote: 14:0 (882:0)	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Angie LeClair Motion: passed
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B. To approve the Senior Class field trip

Motion to approve Senior Class field trip	Yeas: All present Nays: none Abstained: none Vote: 14:0 (882:0)	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Angie LeClair Motion: passed
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C. To delegate decisions involving short-term leave requests to the Superintendent-tabled until discussed with the association regarding a response from legal counsel.

D. To approve the Superintendent to hire professional employees immediately through the end of summer

Motion to approve the Superintendent to hire professional employees effective immediately through the end of the summer	Yeas: All present Nays: none Abstained: none Vote: 14:0 (882:0)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Irv Faunce Motion: Passed
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E. To determine if the Annual Budget Meeting on May 28th will be live-streamed
The discussion was heard regarding encouraging people to attend, possibly recording, and airing on the side of transparency and have public knowledge.

Motion to not live stream and recording the budget meeting.	Yeas: 1 (Irv Faunce) Nays: All others Abstained: Vote: 1:13 (74:808)	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Angie LeClair Motion: Failed
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Motion to live stream and make the recording available on our website.	Yeas: All present Nays: none Abstained: none Vote: 14:0 (882:0)	Motion: Doug Dunlap Seconded: Angie LeClair Motion: Passed
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Betsey Hyde motioned to go into executive session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) Labor contract discussions for the Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement Angie LeClair seconded.

Went into executive session at 7:38 pm

- IX. Executive Session:1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) Labor contract discussions for the Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement

Entered into executive session

Motion to enter into executive session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) Labor contract discussions for the Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement	Yeas: All present Nays: none Abstained: none Vote: 14:0 (882:0)	Motion: Betsey Hyde Seconded: Angie LeClair Motion: Passed
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Exited executive session 8:30

Motion to deny the grievance as presented by the Teacher's Association.	Yeas: All others present Nays: Craig Stickney Abstained: Vote: 13:1 (808: 74)	Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Tami Labul Motion: Passed
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- X. Adjourn 8:31

Motion to adjourn	Yeas: All present Nays: none Abstained: none Vote: 14:1 (882:0)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Angie LeClair Motion: Passed
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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

May 28, 2019-7:00pm-District Budget Meeting-Bjorn Auditorium at Mt. Blue Campus
June 11, 2019-6:30 pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus
June 25, 2019-6:30pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Operations Committee-May 21, 2019-6:00pm-Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus
Personnel & Finance-May 21, 2019 -7:00pm-Central Office Conference Room
Educational Policy-June 4, 2019-6:00pm-Central Office Conference Room