

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors

Minutes

DATE: June 22, 2021

Place: Zoom

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://vimeo.com/566550895>

In attendance: Carol Coles, ~~Kirk Doyle~~, Doug Dunlap (connectivity issues - was in and out during the whole meeting), Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison (6:36pm), ~~Betsy Hyde~~, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, 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 6:32pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comment
 - A. James Black, community member Wilton, thank you to Angie LeClair for her years of service to the district and the RSU 9 board.
- IV. Report of the Chairperson
 - A. Updates
 1. High school graduation went great, many happy families and students.
 2. Support staff negotiations - meeting twice a week and the team has been making great progress. Currently pressing pause, and negotiations will resume in July. Meetings are scheduled and the board is looking for two more of its members to join that committee.
 - B. Good news stories from Board/Administrator
 1. Wayne Kinney, board member, expressed his gratitude to Jeff Harris and Angie LeClair for their leadership and service to the board.
 2. Nancy Allen, FCABE director, shared that there were 15 graduates from Adult Education. She is proud of the work accomplished this year by both her AE staff and the students.
 3. Jesse Sillanpaa, board member, reported on the 8th grade graduation; great night. Congratulations and thanks to all involved.
 4. Doug Dunlap, board member, shared that the adult education graduation was wonderful and a thank you to John Moore for allowing us to use the Narrow Gauge Cinema for graduation and during the school year.

5. Welcome to Chris Elkington, incoming superintendent. He thanked the Administrative Team for their time over the past few days; looking forward to July 1st.

V. Superintendent's Report - Monique Poulin

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

B. Updates regarding:

1. We continue to have open positions and are working towards filling them during the summer with the most qualified candidates available.
2. [RSU 9 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule for 21/22](#)
 - a) Meeting schedule for committee and board meetings (as seen above) will be in effect.
3. All graduations this spring went well - excited by their accomplishments and wish all graduates well in their plans moving forward.
4. Thanked the board, administrators, and all district staff for their support during her time as interim superintendent. She is looking forward to resuming her role as high school principal.

VI. Presentations

A. [RSU 9's Summer and Planning for 21/22 School Year](#) - Laura Columbia

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from [June 8, 2021](#)

<i>Motion to approve consent agenda</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith Nays: Abstained: Vote: 13:0:0 (814:0:0)	Motion: Lisa Laflin Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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VIII. Committee Reports

1. Operations - None
2. Personnel & Finance - None
3. Educational Policy - None
4. Drop-out Prevention - None

IX. New Business

A. First and final reading of Board Policy [AC: Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action](#)

<i>Motion to approve new draft policy AC: Nondiscrimination/Equal</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris,	Motion: Debbie Smith Seconded: Cherieann Harrison
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<i>Opportunity and Affirmative Action as the first and final reading</i>	Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith Nays: Abstained: Vote: 13:0:0 (814:0:0)	Motion: Passed
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- B. First reading of Board Policy [CBI: Evaluation of the Superintendent](#) and accompanying [Superintendent Evaluation Tool](#)
1. Discussion was heard regarding the superintendent's role in evaluation and the board's role in gathering feedback for the superintendent evaluation. Superintendent Evaluation review in July causes an issue as there are new board members.
 2. Recommendation made to return the policy and evaluation tool back to the Personnel and Finance Committee for further review based on the feedback.

C. Approve Summer Plans

<i>Motion to approve 2021 summer plans as presented by Laura Columbia</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Debbie Smith Nays: Jesse Sillanpaa Abstained: Vote: 12:1:0 (764:50:0)	Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed
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D. Authorization of Superintendent to hire professional staff through the summer

<i>Motion to approve Superintendent to hire professional staff through the summer</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith	Motion: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed
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	Nays: Abstained: Vote: 13:0:0 (814:0:0)	
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E. Approve New Hires

<i>Motion to approve New Hires as presented by interim superintendent Poulin in her report</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith Nays: Abstained: Vote: 12:0:0 (730:0:0)	Motion: Angie LeClair Seconded: Jeff Harris Motion: Passed
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F. [Line Item Transfer Request](#)

1. Discussion was heard regarding the reason for funds remaining in the transportation line, including less transportation this past year. Questions regarding audit procedures, and unspent funds.

<i>Motion to approve the line item transfer request as proposed by Kris Pottle</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith Nays: Abstained: Vote: 12:0:0 (730:0:0)	Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed
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G. [Student Laptop Refresh - Apple Financial Services Master Lease Purchase Agreement](#)

1. Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Apple is for grades 6 and 9-12.
2. MLTI Lease Agreement is for grades 7 and 8.

<i>Motion to approve the Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Apple Financial dated July 15,</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Gloria	Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Scott Erb Motion: Passed
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<p><i>2021 as proposed by Jeff Brazee</i></p>	<p>McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith Nays: Abstained: Vote: 13:0:0 (814:0:0)</p>	
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<p><i>Motion to authorize the superintendent to enter into an MLTI Lease Agreement</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith Nays: Abstained: Vote: 13:0:0 (814:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Lisa Laflin Seconded: Jeff Harris Motion: Passed</p>
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H. [Computation and Declaration of Votes](#)

<p><i>BE IT VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 8, 2021 and attached hereto be approved; That the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 9; That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the municipal clerks within the RSU; and That the foregoing Computation and Declaration shall be signed by a majority of the School Board, and that these signatures may be made electronically, by execution</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith Nays: Abstained: Vote: 13:0:0 (814:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Cherieann Harrison Motion: Passed</p>
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<i>of counterparts, or in person at the convenience of the members of the School board</i>		
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I. [Assessment Warrants](#) and Installment Schedules

1. Discussion was heard regarding the possible updates to the Governor’s budget, with a potential increase in funding to schools. If the motion is approved as presented, these additional funds cannot be used toward a decrease in tax assessments for fiscal year 22.
2. Questions and discussion were heard about using the funds to reduce the tax burden for the 21/22 school year.

<i>Motion that the Warrant for Assessment of Tax and the Assessment Schedule and notice of Installments for each member municipality prepared by the Treasurer for fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 be approved and be issued in form presented to this meeting; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to deliver to each member municipality its Warrant for Assessment of tax and its Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith Nays: Abstained: Vote: 13:0:0 (814:0:0)	Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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X. Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(D) Labor Contract update for the Support Staff’s Bargaining Unit.

<i>Motion to enter Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(D) Labor Contract update for the Support Staff’s Bargaining Unit</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Jeff Harris, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Angie LeClair, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith	Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Cherieann Harrison Motion: Passed
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Time entered: 8:08 pm

Time exited: 8:29 pm

Angie LeClair thanked Jeff Harris for helping her navigate during the past year.

Jeff Harris thanked Angie LeClair for the working relationship that they had during the past year.

They both thanked the other board members, Monique Poulin, and Kris Pottle for their leadership during the past year.

Jesse Sillanpaa thanked Angie and Jeff for time on the board, their leadership, and their service on the board.

Cherieann Harrison also thanked Angie and Jeff on a personal and professional level, for their combined years (21 years) of service and commitment to the board.

Carol Coles thanked Angie and Jeff for their years of service, especially in negotiations.

- XI. Board Chair Angela LeClair made her final motion to adjourn without objection at 8:35 pm.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

July 13, 2021 - 6:30pm - Location TBD

July 27, 2021 - 6:30pm - Location TBD

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - July 6, 2021 - 5:00pm - Location TBD

Personnel & Finance - July 6, 2021 - 6:00pm - Location TBD

Educational Policy - July 6, 2021 - 7:00pm - Location TBD