

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors

Minutes

DATE: July 13, 2021

Place: Zoom

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Video: <https://vimeo.com/575459795>

In attendance: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison (in and out with connectivity issues), Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney

Absent: All board members present

Also present: Keith Acedo, Nancy Allen, Beth Christopher, Laura Columbia, Christian Elkington, Nichole Goodspeed, John Jones, Jennifer Pooler, Monique Poulin, Lisa Sinclair, Melissa Williams

- I. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – Superintendent - 6:31pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Reorganization of the Board – Superintendent
 - A. Election of Officers
 1. Board Chair

<i>Nomination of Carol Coles as board chair</i>	Yeas: Nays: Abstained: Vote:	Motion: Cherieann Harrison Motion:
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<i>Move that we elect Carol Coles by Acclimation</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith Nays: Craig Stickney Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:1:0 (927:74:0)	Motion: Wayne Kinney Second: Doug Dunlap Motion: Passed
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Carol Coles was elected as chair by a vote of 15 (927) to 1 (74).

2. Vice Chair

<i>Nomination of Debbie Smith as board vice chair</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Cherieann Harrison, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Debbie Smith Vote: 11 (698)	Motion: J. Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed
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<i>Nomination of Jesse Sillanpaa as board vice chair</i>	Yeas: Craig Stickney, Judith Kaut, Jesse Sillanpaa, Irv Faunce Vote: 4 (274)	Motion: Craig Stickney Motion: Failed
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Debbie Smith was elected as vice chair over Jesse Sillanpaa by a vote of 11 (698) to 4 (274).

- IV. Public Comment
 - A. None

- V. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss employment of officials

<i>Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss employment of officials</i>	Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 16:0:0 (1001:0:0)	Motion: Jesse Sillanpaa Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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Time entered: 6:56pm

Time exited: 7:07pm

- VI. Report of the Chairperson

- A. Committee Assignment Requests ([see 20-21 Assignments here](#))

1. Carol Coles will review the requests for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice. The board Chairperson and vice chair will designate committee members. Responses need to be shared with Carol by 21st of July. Announced at the board meeting on July 27th.

- B. Good news stories from Board / Administrators

1. Monique Poulin, Principal at Mt. Blue High School - reported that students are on campus for the Extended Year Program and Extended School Year Program, and seeing staff supporting students.
2. Laura Columbia, Director of Curriculum - summer programming is going well and gave a thank you to all staff members involved. She also shared that about 40 teachers are working on curriculum this summer. Shout out to Chris Elkington who has hit the ground running and has been a positive presence in the district.
3. Doug Dunlap, board member from Farmington - shout out to school nurses and thanked them for all the work they have done and continue to do.
4. Nancy Allen, Director of Adult Education - new Adult Ed Building is open!! Students in class, participating and moving forward. Thanks to all for your support.
5. Chris Elkington, Superintendent - attended Rotary last week and he continues to find everyone he has come in contact with very welcoming and helpful.
6. Melissa Williams, Director of FCTEC - is looking forward to working with their advisory committee and is looking for board members to join the technical advisory committee.
7. Carol Coles, board member from Starks - with the cooperation of Richard Joseph, Chef Andy, and the Starks fire department school breakfasts and lunches are now available to children in Starks. They are delivered daily on the bus when the students return from summer programming.

VII. [Superintendent's Report](#) and [Superintendent's Notes 7/10/21](#) - Christian Elkington

- A. New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
- B. MBHS Athletics Hall of Fame
- C. Superintendent's Office Reorganization Proposal
- D. Proposal for finalizing Summer Accrual Plan early

VIII. Presentations

- A. None

IX. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes from [June 22, 2021](#)
- B. Committee Report Outs and Minutes
 1. Operations Committee - [July 6, 2021](#)
 2. Personnel & Finance - [July 6, 2021](#)
 3. Educational Policy - [July 6, 2021](#)
 - a) Add Gwen Doak and Judith Kaut to the meeting minutes as other board members present.
 4. Drop-Out Prevention - none

<p><i>Motion to approve consent agenda with the addition of Gwen Doak and Judith Kaut to be included in the Educational Policy Committee minutes as present.</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: Craig Stickney Vote: 14:0:1 (853:0:74)</p>	<p>Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed</p>
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X. New Business

A. First reading of Board Policy [GBEC](#): Drug-Free Workplace

1. Discussion was heard regarding employees turning themselves in regarding drug use, and drug testing.
2. Moved to second reading at next board meeting.

<p><i>Motion to move Board Policy GBEC to a second reading</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 13:0:0 (769:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Wayne Kinney Motion: Passed</p>
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B. First and final reading of Board Policy [GBP](#): Earned Paid Leave

<p><i>Motion to approve draft policy GBP: Earned Paid Leave as the first and final reading</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 14:0:0 (843:0:0)</p>	<p>Motion: Jesse Sillanpaa Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed</p>
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C. Approve proposal for finalizing Summer Accrual Plan

<p><i>Motion to approve the proposal for finalizing the Summer Accrual Plan as</i></p>	<p>Yeas: Carol Coles, Gwen Doak, Kirk Doyle, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Betsey Hyde, Judith Kaut, J. Wayne Kinney, Lisa</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed</p>
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<i>presented by the superintendent in his report</i>	Laflin, Gloria McGraw, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0:0 (927:0:0)	
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D. Assistant Business Manager

<i>Motion to approve the Assistant Business Manager candidate, Beth Christopher, as proposed by the superintendent in his report</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, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0:0 (927:0:0)	Motion: Carol Coles Seconded: Kirk Doyle Motion: Passed
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E. Approve Administrator Contracts

<i>Motion to approve the Administrator Contracts</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, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 15:0:0 (927:0:0)	Motion: Scott Erb Seconded: Lisa Laflin Motion: Passed
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Time entered: 7:59pm

Time exited: 8:20pm

XII. Adjourn without objection by Kirk Doyle

Adjourned at 8:21pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

July 27, 2021 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

August 10, 2021 - 6:30pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - August 3, 2021 - 5:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance - August 3, 2021 - 6:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy - August 3, 2021 - 7:00pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus