

2019 – 2020 Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors Workshop

DATE: July 23, 2019

Place: The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

Time: 6:30 pm

In attendance: Carol Coles, Cherieann Harrison, Doug Dunlap, Isaac Raymond, Dennis O'Neil, Irv Faunce, Lisa Laflin, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, ~~Tami Labut~~, Angie LeClair, ~~Lidie Robbins~~, Jesse Sillanpaa, Iris Silverstein, Debbie Smith, ~~Craig Stickney~~, ~~Olivia Schank~~, ~~Riley Drummond~~

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

I. Call to Order at 6:31

II. Pledge

III. Public Comment

none

IV. Board Governance

1. Objectives and goals of the coming year for District/Board in 2019-2020:
 - a. Strategic Planning- initial meeting: 08.06.19 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Chef's Table
 - i. Please attend if interested, the meeting will be led with the Educational Policy Committee. If you plan on being part of the Strategic Planning Committee, plan to attend the first meeting and regularly attend other Strategic Planning Committee Meetings.
 - b. Negotiations with Teacher Collective Bargaining Group- initial training set for 08.22.19 5:00-8:00 pm.
 - c. Continued Policy Development, Financial Review, and Operations Oversight
 - i. All Committees will continue to do policy work related to their focus area.
 - d. PBE/Standards Achievements- 2 years of measurements
 - i. Presentation of recent progress will be shared. Next steps will be planned for the coming year.
 - e. Other Board Goals?
 - i. Evaluation of Superintendent and Goals

- f. Other Notable Items: Groundbreaking on the HAZMAT Building Project; Filming for Board Meetings- postponed for 1 year.
 - i. Possibly groundbreaking for the HAZMAT Building Project in the fall. We will reassess filming for board meetings and financial proposals for this coming year.
- 2. Superintendent Evaluation Timeline and Goals- Feedback needed at the board level to send to Personnel and Finance for further development
 - a. Feedback to change timeline based on the school year, rather than the calendar year. Tina Meserve reported that setting goals in January seems out of alignment to how the district works. January would be a mid-year reflection on goals and progress.
 - b. Feedback on goals for Tina Meserve - Submit any feedback on goals, submit to the Personnel and Finance Committee.
- 3. Board Review-
 - a. Review of BCA- Board Member Code of Ethics
 - i. A discussion was heard on what the penalties are for not abiding by the code of ethics. Board can sanction a member, the board can distance themselves from the director. There are fines up to 10,000 for some violations. Community members are responsible for choosing who will sit on the board.
 - ii. Questions and discussion were heard regarding listening to the public, directing their concerns to the appropriate administrator. Board members need to be an impartial jury in case a firing or expulsion needs to take place. The board has limited access to information about specific personnel and student issues. The Superintendent is bound by law to protect the privacy rights of employees and students.
 - iii. Questions were heard regarding promising of the vote. As well as graciously accepting the vote and working as a professional team.
 - b. Review of BBA- School Board Powers and Responsibilities
 - i. Reviewed decisions and approval of educational programming with recommendations from the administrative team.
 - c. Review of BBAA- Board Member Authority and Responsibilities
 - i. School board is able to vote to authorize a board member to represent the board outside of the board meeting.
 - d. Review of BEDD- Rules of Order
 - e. MSBA Handbook

- i. Board members are encouraged to review the handbook. The last Thursday and Friday in October, MSMA holds a conference for school board members regarding new laws, updates, and other educational items.
- f. Penalties and Fines Board Members could be subject to for Legal Violations.
 - i. Freedom of Access Law: no more than \$500
 - ii. School District is not compliant: withhold federal funds
 - iii. Fraud or False Statement: Penalties
 - iv. Other fees and penalties were discussed regarding school employees, confidentiality, attending meetings, etc.
- g. Roles of the Board
 - i. Question regarding attendance zone was heard, also known as the catchment area, and biddable attorney services.
- h. Highlights of Board Responsibilities According to Maine Statute
 - i. The question was heard regarding abstaining from votes. Abstaining is only recommended when you or a family member are getting a financial benefit from the vote. Not required to state the reason for abstaining but it's recommended.
 - ii. A conversation was heard regarding social media posts.
 - iii. A future discussion was requested regarding visiting schools, and processes regarding the visit. Operation Committee will share visiting and touring procedures.

V. Adjournment

8:24 pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

August 13, 2019- 6:30 pm-Board Meeting-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

July 25, 2019

Educational Policy-6:00pm-Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus

August 5, 2019

Personnel & Finance Committee -6:00-7:30 pm- Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus

August 6, 2019

Strategic Planning Meeting with Ed Policy 6:00-8:00 pm at Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus

August 22, 2019

Operations Committee Site Visits CANCELLED

Contract Negotiation Training- 5:00-8:00