

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors
Minutes

DATE: August 14, 2017

Place: The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus

Time: 6:30pm

In attendance: Jennifer Zweig Hebert, ~~Cherieann Harrison~~(E), Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Richard Hargreaves, ~~Jeff Harris~~(E), Betsey Hyde, ~~Fami Labul~~ (E), Angie LeClair, ~~Ryan Morgan~~ (E), Robert Patterson, Lidie Robbins, ~~Iris Silverstein~~ (E), ~~Debbie Smith~~ (E), Craig Stickney, ~~Joe Crandall~~, and Griffin Mayhew.

Also present: Monique Poulin, Nichole Goodspeed, Tracy Williams, Darlene Paine, ~~Keith Acedo~~, ~~Melissa Williams~~, ~~Andy Hutchins~~, ~~Glenn Kapiloff~~, ~~Jonathan Chalmers~~, ~~Richard Joseph~~-Christine Shay

- I. Call to Order at 6:33
- II. Pledge
- III. Motion to enter Executive session: Compensation of officials/appointees/employees M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) : Scott Erb.
Second: Betsey Hyde
Vote: Unanimous

Came out of executive session at 6:50

6:56 back in regular session

Motion: Accept the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee for James Black as MBMS principal at \$87,500 Second:Angie
Vote: Unanimous

IV. Consideration of the meeting minutes of August 8, 2017
Motion to approve: Scott Erb Seconded: Irv Faunce Abstained: Doug Dunlap
Vote: Unanimous

- V. Report of the Chairperson
 - A. Good news stories from Board/Admin

Doug Dunlap mentioned that there is great interest in our sister city of Lac Megantic in renewing our connections. There may be an opportunity for our French students to visit.

Dr. Pat shared that he is happy that James Black will be our new MBMS principal after spending so many hours in the barn with him.

VI. Public Comment

Lindy Moceus- Spoke to per pupil costs. She stated that CTE was not included last week and she wanted to correct the information. She also shared spreadsheets entitled: "Per Pupil Expenditures by Type 2015-16" and "State-Aggregate Compared to RSU 9". Jen Hebert pointed out that the comparisons on the spreadsheets are not "apples to apples" as not all schools have a tech center or 10 towns in a rural area for transportation. Also, debt service is reimbursed by the state for between at 97-99%. Our schools attract new families and keep property values high. The more students we have, the more reimbursement we receive from the state.

Elaine Graham-wants to have Lindy's data published. She expressed concerns regarding the new MBMS principal's salary including benefits. She also feels that people should move here due to the education we provide vs. our new buildings. Dr. Ward agreed. Elaine also asked for more meetings explaining the Proficiency-Based Education. He reassured her that there would be more meetings on this topic. Lastly, she asked how much money the state has received for special education from Mainecare.

Bob Milay-wishes for compromise and smaller buses.

Ed Perkins- We should collaborate with all of the local agencies. Perhaps Western Maine Transportation could run the shuttle bus. DHHS should provide the Social Workers.

Christine Gatto-Shea- implored individuals to call her and ask her any questions. She will share data. Her number is 778-9517. She's not had one phone call, email, etc. in spite of all of the criticism she has received.

VII. Old Business

A. Personnel

New Hire(s)-

William Jackson	ELA Teacher	MBMS
Randall Rothert	Ed Tech III-Life Skills	CBS
Theresa True	School Lunch	MBC

Resign-

Leanne Condon	Asst. Superintendent/Curr. Coordinator	
Nikki Dustin	Ed Tech	CCHS
Zena Olivadoti	Ed Tech	MAL

Transfer-

Arika Galkowski	Ed Tech in Day Treatment at Mallett to Library Ed Tech at Mallett School	
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VIII. New Business

A. Budget deliberations

B. Set budget

Motion to accept the recommendations and set the budget at \$33,637,093:

Scott Erb Second: Betsey Hyde

Vote: 7-2 (411/115) (Hargreaves, Stickney)-1 (Patterson)

Motion to amend to add back in the half-time ASL at a cost of \$24,970:

Doug Dunlap Second: Angie Leclair

Vote: 5/5 (274/302) (Hargreaves, Faunce, Hyde, Erb, Stickney) Motion Failed

Motion to hold the Budget meeting on September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Mt.

Blue Campus: Irving Faunce Second: Betsey Hyde

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to hold the Budget validation Referendum on September 12, 2017:

Irving Faunce Second: Scott Erb

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to have open articles Scott Erb and Seconded by Angie LeClair

Vote: Unanimous

IX. Adjournment at 8:38

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

August 22, 2017-6:30pm-Sign Warrants-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus

September 5, 2017-7:00pm-Annual Budget Meeting-Auditorium-Mt. Blue Campus