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

**Minutes**

**DATE: September 22, 2015**

**Place: The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Zweig Hebert, Yvette Robinson, Ken Charles, Ross Clair, Nancy Crosby, Cherieann Harrison, ~~Richard Hargreaves~~ (E), Betsey Hyde, Tami Labul, ~~Angela LeClair~~ (E), Ryan Morgan, Mark Prentiss, Jennifer Pooler, Iris Silverstein, Keith Swett, Helen Wilkey, Autumn Clair, Darby Sabin

**Also Present:** Keith Acedo, Jonathan Chalmers, Darcy Dunphy, Christine Gatto-Shea, Nichole Goodspeed, ~~Glenn Kapiloff~~ (E), Bruce Mochamer , ~~Gary Oswald~~ (E), ~~Darlene Paine~~ (E), ~~Tracy Williams~~ (E)**,** Keith Martin

1. Call to Order by Jennifer Zweig Hebert at 7:02 p.m.
2. Consideration of the Minutes of September 8, 2015

Motion to approve: Betsey Hyde Seconded: Tami Labul

Vote: 11/0/3 (729) (Nancy Crosby, Mark Prentiss, & Ryan Morgan were absent on 09/8/15)

Yvette Robinson and Cherieann Harrison entered at 7:03 p.m.

1. Report of the Chairperson
2. Good news stories from Board/Admin
3. Foster CTE Center was just awarded a $3,000 planning grant from the MELMAC Education Foundation. This planning grant is used to create a plan to increase the number of students from Foster CTE Center who pursue their education beyond high school.
4. A letter by Maelyn Leighton , a fifth grade Cape Cod Hill student, written about Constitution Day was read.
5. Dr. Tom reported on the Safe Schools Community Forum, which was organized by Dr. Michele McCormick. Iris and Ken attended as well as many staff and community members. Many agencies are involved in this project.
6. Darcy Dunphy – The MBC rollout of MLTI MacBook Airs happened in two days with only a few computers left due to student absence. It was a very successful and kids appreciated not having to worry about their families needing money for laptop insurance.
7. Old Business
8. Personnel

**New Hire**

Kyle Minear Employability Skills FCTE

Motion to approve: Iris Silverstein Seconded: Betsey Hyde

Vote: 13/0/1 (802) (Ryan Morgan abstained as he is just joining the board)

**Transfers**

Kevin Averill In School Interventionist MBC

Elizabeth Milster Ed. Tech Day Treatment CBS

Pam Ferrari Ed. Tech Special Ed CBS

**Announcements-FYI**

Quenten Clark Trip driver Bus Garage

Justin Sackman Bus driver/maintenance Bus Garage

Joe Labelle Asst. Football Coach MBC

Ericka Davis JV Girls’ Soccer Coach MBC

V. Administrator’s Update

Cascade Brook School – Dr. Goodspeed read a letter from the teachers thanking the board for their support in adding three additional teachers to the staff. School-Wide Intervention System (SWIS) data indicates that officer referrals for disrespectful or unsafe behavior is dramatically decreased from this time last year. Also discussed was the Habits of Mind and Friday celebrations.

VI. New Business

1. Elect Delegate for Maine School Board Association

Motion to approve Jennifer Pooler as our delegate: Keith Swett

Seconded: Nancy Crosby Vote: 12/0/2 (726)

(Jennifer Pooler abstained so as not to vote for herself; Ryan Morgan abstained as a new member of the board.)

1. Maine School Management Association Fall Conference – Please sign up if you are interested in attending. Deadline for registration is October 9, 2015.
2. Board/Admin. Workshop date – Jennifer Hebert shared that this would be on one night starting at 5:30, with a set agenda until 8:30. Agenda items would include a brief review of Robert’s Rules of Order. The workshop will take place on November 5, 2015, from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at MBC.
3. Director of Curriculum/Assistant Superintendent’s Report-Leanne Condon shared information on assessments and included an overview of the universal screening assessment Path Driver.
4. Superintendent’s Report-Dr. Thomas J. Ward – shared that Cherieann Harrison is going to attend the NAMI Mental Health First Aid on Friday, September 24 and others are welcome to attend. Dr. Tom reported that it’s been a great start to this school year, and we’ve added fifty students to date. We have two kindergarten classes out of three at G. D. Cushing that are full at eighteen, and five second grade classrooms at W.G. Mallett with classes of twenty two and twenty three. Special education numbers are also up by twenty. There is a decrease in local entitlement funds. We are struggling to fill special education educational technicians and will eliminate some of these positions.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Helen Wilkey Seconded: Nancy Crosby

Vote: Unanimous (886)

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**October 13, 2015-MBC-The Forum**

**October 27, 2015-MBC-The Forum**