

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

**DATE: September 24, 2019**

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

**Time: 6:30pm**

**In attendance:** Carol Coles, Cherieann Harrison, Doug Dunlap, Dennis O'Neil, Irv Faunce, ~~Lisa Laffin~~, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, ~~Tami Labut~~, Angie LeClair, Lidie Robbins, ~~Jesse Sillanpaa~~, Iris Silverstein, Debbie Smith, ~~Graig Stiekney~~, Olivia Schanck, 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, ~~Ghad Brackett~~, ~~Darcy Dunphy~~, Ray Therrien

- I. Call to Order at 6:38 pm
  - A. Moment of silence for all those affected by the LEAP Explosion
- II. Pledge
- III. Public Comment
  - A. No public comment was heard
- IV. Good News Report
  - A. James Black, principal at Mt. Blue Middle School, school raised funds for the United Way. All encouraged to wear red, the 8th-grade class is finishing their dugout, and middle school fields are being prepped.
  - B. Monique Poulin shared the success of the Barr-B-Que, and the freshmen transition, great participation at Wear Red Day, and fall sports are in full swing.
  - C. Betsey Hyde shared that students reported that the lock-in went well at MBC. And the wear red campaign was evident at the sporting events.
  - D. Angie LeClair and Betsey Hyde reported how the local sports teams, boosters, and other schools have participated in raising funds for the LEAP Explosion Fund.
  - E. Debbie Smith reported that she was very proud to be a part of RSU 9 School district with how the schools handled the LEAP explosion.
  - F. Jonathan Chalmers reported that out-of-district transportation is going well with recent vehicle addition.
- V. Report of the Chairperson
  - A. Recent attendance at a conference regarding recent laws and policy changes that will need to be revised. Policies are secondary to Maine state law.
  - B. MSMA Fall Conference review and any information should be passed on to the board delegate. Anyone interested in attending the fall conference should email Tabatha for registration.

C. Please attend the committees if you are able to, and give feedback on any items of interest or concern.

VI. Superintendent's Report-Tina Meserve

- A. Notice of new hires and transfers
- B. Interviews are underway, and new hires will be brought forward as they are hired.
- C. Board members are invited to legislature breakfast .
- D. Response to those affected by recent LEAP Explosion. RSU 9 Crisis Team drafted documents to share with the community and counselors offered support after school for anyone who was in need.

VII. Presentations

A. Gear Up Grant- Erica Emery

1. This week is National Gear Up Week. Grant is for college and career prep. RSU 9 has finished year 5 of the 7-year grant.

a) 52,500 for this year, and the next two years.

b) Participation:

(1) 132 students on college visits

(2) 31 students attended a college fair

(3) Student leadership activities, 103 student leadership activities/field trips

(4) 726 students for Totally Trades, Career Expo

c) Types of Activities:

(1) Professional Development: transition team for middle and high school students, a team of teachers plan out the transition, which resulted in the BARR Program

(2) Educational Interventions: Read180 and System44, monitoring data, after school programming, Choices Software to guide career planning, software program that supports RTI planning for grades 9-12,

(3) The connection between the Success and Innovation Center and Gear Up. Similar funding but different purposes. Success and Innovation Center Grant is in its last year. The board will hear more about this in the future, and it will be discussed during the budget season.

B. Accrual of Summer Salaries-Continued-Kris Pottle

<p>Motion to include the amount used from 6/30/19 fund balance is the amount in excess of the determined fund balance using Proposal 3.</p>	<p>Yeas: Jeff Harris, Doug Dunlap, Carol Coles, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Angie LeClair, Iris Silverstein, Debbie Smith, Lidie Robbins          Nays: Betsey Hyde and Dennis O'Neil          Abstained: None          Vote: 9:2 (555:113)</p>	<p>Motion: Irv Faunce          Seconded: Debbie Smith          Motion: Passed</p>
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The discussion was heard regarding Committee Recommendation of Proposal 3, and Tina Meserve shared that she strongly supports Proposal 3. The auditor reported that most districts use a 5-year plan. Others shared concern over the increase in salaries for employees over the next few years.

VIII. Consent Agenda

1. Board meeting minutes from September 10, 2019
2. Strategic Planning minutes from September 17, 2019

Motion to approve consent agenda with an amendment.	Yeas: Unanimous Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: 668:0:0 (11:0)	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Angie LeClair Motion: Passed
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IX. Committee Reports

1. Operations-did not meet since last board meeting
2. Personnel & Finance-did not meet since last board meeting
3. Educational Policy
  - a) The Educational Policy reported out on their last meeting regarding strategic planning. Two facilitators were chosen to move towards the interview process at the November 12th Board Meeting. A review of proposals and how they were sought out was discussed. As well as reviewing types of questions that will be asked for the strategic planning process. Next Strategic Planning Meeting will be tentatively planned for October 15th.
4. Drop-out Prevention-did not meet since last board meeting

X. New Business

A. Second Readings:

1. EEAEAA MSMA Drug and Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers

Motion to approve second reading: EEAEAA MSMA Drug and Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers and EEAEAA-R Drug and Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers Administrative Procedure and create a document with standards for non-CDL licensed drivers by January 2020.	Yeas: Jeff Harris, Doug Dunlap, Carol Coles, Irv Faunce, Cherieann Harrison, Angie LeClair Nays: Iris Silverstein, Debbie Smith, Lidie Robbins Abstained: none Vote: 8:3 (530:138)	Motion: Jeff Harris Seconded: Betsey Hyde Motion: Passed
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Board shared the concern regarding the Drug and Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers and concerns over student safety. The impact of van driver and car driver would be minimal, for employed drivers. For those not employed as drivers, it would have a larger

impact. A set of standards could be drafted for non-CDL licensed drivers guidelines, either as part of the policy or an additional document. This is a required policy, which we have not had previously. RSU 9 is currently following the law with the procedures.

a) ~~Recommendation to dissolve RSU9 EEAEAA~~

Motion to dissolve RSU9 EEAEAA	Yeas: Nays: Abstained: Vote:	Motion: Seconded: Motion:
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2. ~~EEAEAA R MSMA Drug and Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers  
Administrative Procedure~~

Motion to approve the second reading of EEAEAA R Drug and Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers Administrative Procedure	Yeas: Nays: Abstained: Vote:	Motion: Seconded: Motion:
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XI. Executive Session- Title 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) Labor contract discussions for collective bargaining agreement for Teachers

Motion to enter into executive session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) Labor contract discussions for collective bargaining agreement for Teachers	Yeas: All present Nays: Abstained: Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Angie LeClair Seconded: Iris Silverstein Motion: Passed
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XII. Adjourn: 9:07

Motion to adjourn	Yeas: All present Nays: Abstained: Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Angie LeClair Seconded: Betsey Hyde Motion: Passed
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**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

October 8, 2019-6 30pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus

October 22, 2019-6 30pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Operations- October 1, 2019-5:00 pm-Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus

Personnel & Finance-October 1, 2019-6:00 pm-Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus

Educational Policy- October 1, 2019-7:00 pm-Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus

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July 1, 2018 Summer Accrual	1,960,247
June 30, 2019 Estimated Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>1,400,000</u>

**Administration recommends that the motion includes the amount used from 6/30/19 fund balance is the amount IN EXCESS of the determined fund balance**

	Proposal 1	Proposal 2	Proposal 3	Proposal 4	Proposal 5
	Fund Balance retained for future budget	Fund Balance retained for future budget	Fund Balance retained for future budget	Fund Balance retained for future budget	Fund Balance retained for future budget
Est. Fund Balance 2019	1,000,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	1,000,000
Budget 2020	0	0	0	0	0
Budget 2021	480,000	680,000	80,000	1,360,000	960,000
Budget 2022	480,000	680,000	80,000		
Budget 2023		400,000	400,000		
Budget 2024		400,000	400,000		
Budget 2025		400,000	400,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,960,000</b>	<b>1,960,000</b>	<b>1,960,000</b>	<b>1,960,000</b>	<b>1,960,000</b>

Final Payment on MBMS Bond is FY ending June 30, 2022 \$327,614