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

**Minutes**

**DATE: January 28, 2014**

**TIME: 5:30-6:00 Superintendent’s Evaluation- Mt. Blue Campus Library Conference Room**

**6:00-7:00 Workshop- Chef’s Table**

**7:00 Meeting-The Forum**

Board Members Present: Mark Prentiss, William Reid, Angela LeClair, Keith

Swett, Helen Wilkey, Betsey Hyde, ~~Iris Silverstein~~ (E), ~~Bob Flick~~ (E), Claire Andrews,

Jennifer Zweig Hebert, Richard Hargreaves, Nancy Crosby (E), James Black, Yvette

Robinson, ~~Ross Clair~~ (E), Steve Bunker, Emily Rice, and ~~JT Williams~~ (E)

Also Present: Glenn Kapiloff (E), Gary Oswald, Nichole Goodspeed, Monique Poulin,

David Leavitt, Darcy Dunphy (E), Darlene Paine, Tracy Williams, Paula Leavitt, Keith

Acedo, Keith Martin, Kris Pottle

1. Call to Order by Mark Prentiss at 7:04 p.m.
2. Consideration of the Minutes of January 14, 2014

Motion to approve: Helen Wilkey Seconded: Claire Andrews

Vote: 12/0/1 (Keith Swett) (662/0/74)

1. Report of the Chairperson

A. Update from Board/Admin -- Steve Bunker, Farmington Board Director, clarified that he will fill the seat until the next town meeting. Then there will be an election for a director to fill the remaining two years of this term.

1. Committee Reports -- Nothing at this time.
2. Old Business

A. Personnel

Megan Collins Ed Tech II Special Ed

Resignation(s)

Jared Stinson Ed Tech III Librarian MBMS

1. New Business

A. Field Trip Approval for Heritage Music Festival-Carol Shumway/Karen Beacham

Motion to approve: Betsey Hyde Seconded: Angie LeClair

Vote: Unanimous (736)

B. Overview of the new math program by math interventionists -- Vicky Cohen, Bethany Cote, Zale Lochala and Diane Smith.

**Why the change?** To align with the Mathematics Common Core State Standards have consistency in mathematics instruction across the district.

**Why engage NY?**  Piloted three programs in 2012 -13 but only one was aligned with the CCSS and it was not worth adopting / spending thousands of dollars on. Started reviewing open source programs funded by Race to the Top. Engage NY is a full - year, daily, multi-year (K-8) program. Math SAC Team reviewed this program and approved the implementation.

**Benefits** of **engage NY** -- District-wide conversations about math, within a school there is common language for professional development. This program asks students to think deeply about mathematics reasoning.

**Concerns about engage NY** -- Have to slow down the pacing because students are asked to delve deeply. Lack of differentiation within the program for students who are at-risk, need special instruction, needing more rigor. Lack of variety in daily lessons with no games, low interest, lots of worksheets, few manipulative activities. Big gaps in grades 6-8 student knowledge.

**Long-range goals** -- Better communication and training with and for parents at each building; Need time for more professional development; continue to focus on math interventions to close any existing gaps.

C. Presentation on restructuring the school district- Dr. Tom

D. Director of Curriculum / Assistant Superintendent Report -- Leanne Condon

Nothing at this time

E. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Thomas J. Ward

Budget Workshop – 8:00 – 1:00, Wednesday, 1/29/13

The engineer report, to fix the heat issues at Mallett will be $300,000 for air conditioning in the second floor classrooms and chillers on the roof. We can take the amount that is in the budget this year for adult ed construction (a one-year financial commitment) and use that same amount for three years to pay for this.

1. Adjournment at 8:57 p.m.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**February 11, 2014- 7:00 pm- Mt. Blue Campus-The Forum**

**February 25, 2014- 7:00 pm-Mt. Blue Campus-The Forum**

**March 11, 2014- 7:00 pm- Mt. Blue Campus-The Forum**

**March 25, 2014- 7:00 pm- Mt. Blue Campus- The Forum**