

Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors

Minutes

Agenda: September 10, 2019

Place: The Forum - Mt. Blue Campus

Time: 6:30pm

In attendance: ~~Carol Coles~~, Cherieann Harrison, Doug Dunlap, Dennis O'Neil, Irv Faunce, Lisa Laflin, ~~Jeff Harris~~, ~~Betsy Hyde~~, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, Lidie Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Iris Silverstein, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney, ~~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, ~~Chad Brackett~~, ~~Darcy Dunphy~~

- I. Call to Order at 6:30
- II. Pledge
- III. Public Comment
 - A. No public comment was heard
- IV. Report of the Chairperson
 - A. Board member resignation
 1. Isaac Raymond resigned and there will be an open spot for Farmington.
 - B. Good news stories from Board/Administrator
 1. Tracy Williams, principal of W.G. Mallett School, shared The Walk and Wheel Path is now finished. The fundraising kicked off with Doug Dunlap's Pacific Crest Trail hike. Funding was also provided from the United Way, our PTA, and a school 'walkathon'.
 2. Ray Therrien, Adult Education Director, shared the warm welcome he received, the newly paved parking lot, and the Adult Ed catalog that is available online.
 3. James Black, principal of Mt.Blue Middle School, shared that the new sign is finished, the open house went well, and high enrollment at MBMS.
 4. Cherieann Harrison shared that from the interactions she has had with teachers and support staff, they reported that they are excited to start the school year.
 5. Lisa Sinclair, principal at Cape Cod Hill School, shared maintenance has installed new floors and a new sign is up at CCHS sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank.
 6. Nichole Goodspeed shared that a new Gazebo was built by volunteers and new blinds have been installed by maintenance.
 7. Keith Acedo, principal of Cushing and Academy Hill School, has new sidings, a grant was received for new books, and reported a great turnout to the ice cream social.

V. Superintendent's Report-Tina Meserve

A. Tina Meserve reported out on visiting classrooms, the focus is transition grade levels (prek, 3rd, 6th and 9th), and facilities.

1. Tina Meserve announced that Operation needs to purchase a truck. She referenced policy DJ: Bidding/Purchasing Requirements. This policy requires her to inform the Board of a decision to forgo the bidding process. Due to the quality of the vehicle, cost, and time factors, she will be entering a contract to purchase a used Dodge Caravan with 45,000 miles for \$12,200.
2. Open positions include: CTE building construction teacher, special education teacher at AHS, Speech and Language Therapists, Psychologist, BCBA, and seventeen Ed Tech positions, Volunteer Coordinator, and eight positions for bus driver/custodian.
3. Opening day went well. This year's theme is "Know Our Impact" advocating for all students. Dr. Patti Millette received the 35 years award.

B. Notice of new hires and resignations

New Hires:

Natasha Allison	Spanish Teacher	MBMS
Peter Barton	Bud Driver	Bus Garage
Nichole Decker	Ed Tech III Day Treatment	MBHS
Sharon Dudley	Secretary	Adult Ed.
Jessica Edmondson	Ed Tech III Resource Room	Cushing
Megan Heath	Ed Tech. III Life Skills	MAL
Jaycee Jenckes	Health Teacher	MBMS
Kimberly Judkins	Food Service	MBC
Katrina Ladd	Ed Tech. III Day Treatment	MBHS
Michael LeClair	Ed Tech II Resource Room	AHS
Heather McCormick	Ed Tech III Resource Room	AHS
Michelle Neveux	French Teacher	MBHS
Karin Parsons	School Counselor	MBHS
Danielle White	Special Education Teacher	MAL

Resignations:

Nate Carson	Ed Tech. Day Treatment	MBHS
Lori Mardosa	Ed Tech. Life Skills	MAL
Nicole McCourt	Ed Tech. Resource Room	AHS
Bonnita Lehigh	Business Ed. Teacher	MBHS/FTC
Scott Sanborn	Bus Driver/Custodian	Bus Garage

VI. Presentations

A. Foster Tech. Center programming-Melissa Williams

1. Update from Melissa Williams on the budgeting process changes and the Bjorn donation from last year. The following is a review from the previously approved new program addition from the original Bjorn donation discussion. These programs were previously approved at the January 9th, 2018 school board meeting. the board unanimously

approved these programs. This presentation serves as a reminder of this approval and these program approvals are in the process for the 2020-2021 school year, and are on track for full approval from MDOE.

Currently, a program approval has to be completed for new offerings for the next school year. All centers and regions submit applications, which the state then allocates funds for proposed programs. Proposed programs include electrician, medical assisting, medical EMT, and criminal justice. Areas of interest were expressed in a survey of students and reviewing enrollment numbers. Board members expressed questions regarding potential enrollment of proposed programs, Bjorn donation fund use, and CDL offerings at Region 9.

B. Accrual of Summer Salaries-Kris Pottle

1. Kris Pottle, Business Office Manager, reviewed the proposal of a 5-year plan to record accrued summer salaries as required by Government Auditing Standards. The goal of the plan is to have the least impact on our taxpayers, and a steady impact over the time period. Questions from board members were heard regarding previous budget money not spent, past fund balances, and Dennis O'Neil reported that he would prefer a 3-year plan. Future teacher and support staff salary changes were discussed. The history of the annual fund balance, and its relation to the budget process were discussed. Craig Stickney shared support of paying off the summer accrual salary sooner. The board will review the following proposals at the next board meeting, and will vote upon the proposals at the following board meeting:

- a) 3-year with an initial 1 million from FY 19 and the next two budgets would be approximately \$480,000 (2021, 2022)
- b) 3-year with an initial \$600,000 from FY 19 and the next two budgets \$615,000
- c) 5-year plan-as proposed
- d) 1-year plan with an initial \$600,000 from FY 19 and then \$1.3 million in 2021
- e) 1-year plan with an initial \$ 1-million from FY 19 and then \$900,000 in 2021

If any questions arise, please contact Kris Pottle and/or Tina Meserve.

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Board meeting minutes: August 13, 2019
- B. Operations Committee minutes: September 3, 2019: Amend to add Dennis O'Neil to the agenda
- C. Personnel & Finance Committee minutes: September 3, 2019
- D. Educational Policy minutes: September 3, 2019

Motion to approve consent agenda	Yeas: All present Nays: 0 Abstained:0 Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Angie LeClair Motion: Passed
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VIII. Committee Reports

1. Operations: Lisa Laflin reported summer maintenance was discussed and all of the work that was accomplished.
2. Personnel & Finance: Irv Faunce reported that goal setting was postponed, and discussion was focused on the proposals for the plan for summer accrual salaries.
3. Educational Policy: Iris Silverstein reported that there will be a presentation on the PBE Forum in October.
4. Drop-out Prevention: Jesse Sillanpaa reported the committee has not met since the last board meeting.

IX. New Business

- A. To approve Betsey Hyde as School Board Representative to the Delegate Assembly of the Maine School Board Association

Motion to approve Betsey Hyde as School Board Representative to the Delegate Assembly of the Maine School Board Association	Yeas: All present Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Lisa Laflin Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed
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To approve a board member to serve as an alternative.

Motion to approve Irv Faunce as an alternative School Board Representative to the Delegate Assembly of the Maine School Board Association	Yeas: All present Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Lisa Laflin Seconded: Iris Silverstein Motion: Passed
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B. Second Readings:

1. BEDH Public Participation at Board Meetings

Motion to approve BEDH Public Participation at Board Meetings as presented with the specified removal of the last seven words in the fourth paragraph.	Yeas: Iris Silverstein, Doug Dunlap, Lisa Laflin, Cherieann Harrison, Angie LeClair, Tami Labul, Debbie Smith, Liddie Robbins	Motion: Debbie Smith Seconded: Tami Labul Motion: Passed
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	<p>Nays: Craig Stickney, Dennis O'Neil, Irv Faunce, Jesse Sillanpaa</p> <p>Abstained: 0</p> <p>Vote: 8:4: (495:282)</p>	
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Dennis O'Neil commented on disagreeing with the policy and wanted more public participation options.

2. JICK Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools

<p>Motion to approve JICK, JICK-E1, JICK-E2, JICK-E3 Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools Policies and Subsequent Reporting Forms</p>	<p>Yeas: Iris Silverstein, Doug Dunlap, Lisa Laffin, Angie LeClair, Tami Labul, Debbie Smith, Liddie Robbins, Craig Stickney, Dennis O'Neil, Irv Faunce, Jesse Sillanpaa</p> <p>Nays: Cherieann Harrison</p> <p>Abstained: 0</p> <p>Vote: 11:1 (703:74)</p>	<p>Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Debbie Smith Motion: Passed</p>
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C. First Reading:

1. EEAEAA MSMA Drug and Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers
 - a) Recommendation to dissolve RSU9 EEAEAA
 - b) A discussion was heard regarding a number of passengers indicating whether there would be testing or not. Ex. included out of district transportation, teachers with waivers, etc.
 - c) Questions were heard regarding the period for drug testing. The hospital creates a list and gives transportation a random list of commercial drivers to be tested.
 - d) Recommended for second reading.
 2. EEAEAA-R MSMA Drug and Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers Administrative Procedure
- D. Recommendation to dissolve policy EEBB-R Use of Private Vehicles on School Business Regulations

Motion to dissolve EEBB-R Use of Private Vehicles on School Business Regulations	Yeas: All present Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Iris Silverstein Seconded: Irv Faunce Motion: Passed
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1. Vote to dissolve policy IKA Reporting and Grading

Motion to dissolve policy IKA Reporting and Grading	Yeas: All present Nays: Abstained: Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Debbie Smith Seconded: Jesse Sillanpaa Motion: Passed
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X. Adjourn 8:29 pm

Motion to adjourn	Yeas: All present Nays: Abstained: Vote: Unanimous	Motion: Irv Faunce Seconded: Lisa Laflin Motion: Passed
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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

September 24, 2019-6:30pm-The Forum at Mt. Blue Campus

October 8, 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

Special Committee Meetings:

Strategic Planning Committee- Sept. 17, 2019- 6:00 pm Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus

Negotiation Committee- Sept. 17, 2019- 7:00 pm Chef's Table at Mt. Blue Campus

*Negotiation Meetings are not open to the public