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

**Minutes**

**DATE: March 6, 2018**

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

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

 **In attendance:**  Jennifer Zweig Hebert, Cherieann Harrison, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb,  Irv Faunce, Richard Hargreaves, Jeff Harris, ~~Betsey Hyde~~, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, Robert Patterson, Lidie Robbins,  ~~Iris Silverstein~~, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney, ~~Joe Crandall,~~ ~~Griffin Mayhew, Chris Marshall, Hallie Pike~~

**Also present:**  Monique Poulin, James Black, Nichole Goodspeed, Tracy Williams, Darlene Paine, ~~Keith Acedo~~, Melissa Williams, ~~Andy Hutchins, Glenn Kapiloff~~, Jonathan Chalmers, ~~Richard Joseph, Katie Duchesne, Christine Gatto-Shea, Cynthia Bernstein,~~ Laura Columbia

1. Call to Order at 6:32
2. Pledge

1. Consideration of the Minutes of February 27, 2018

Motion: Angie LeClair  Second: Tami Labul

Vote: 11-0-1 (728/76) (Jeff Harris)

Deb Smith entered at 6:35.

1. Report of the Chairperson
2. Good news stories from Board/Admin

Laura complimented James Black for how he handled the events at his school last week. Her son felt safe at school all week.

Tami Labul-This Friday and Saturday the Mt Blue Theater Group is competing in the one-act festival. They will be performing a play written by Julianna Labul in Skowhegan. Next weekend the play will be performed here in our auditorium.

   V. Public Comment- none

   VI. Old Business

1. Personnel-none

  VII. New Business

1. Robotics field trip presentation to Bridgewater-Richard Wilde. The team made it to the quarter finals in Bedford. They learned a lot. The next event is in Bridgewater, Mass. and they are quite ready for it.

Motion: Scott Erb    Second: Cherieann Harrison  Vote: Unanimous

1. Sabbatical Request-Robert Condon asked for a one year leave of absence vs. a sabbatical. He will still use the year to help students find entrepreneurial opportunities that would allow them to stay in Maine. Dr. Tom asked the board to support it.

Motion: Doug Dunlap   Second: Scott Erb

Vote: Unanimous

1. Board Committee Reports-             Finance-Hasn’t met.

Drop Out Prevention- Policy-In final steps of co and extra-curricular participation policy.

Administrative Evaluation-The Superintendent Search Committee met with the trainer from Maine School Management. There is broad community representation on the committee.                                            Negotiations-meets tomorrow. Things are going well.

Adult Ed Advisory Committee- met and had a presentation from the Healthy Community Coalition on the Opportunity Community Model and how it is working. They met with the teachers as well.

1. Superintendent’s Report-Dr. Thomas J. Ward.

Administrators were not able to meet last week to work on the budget due to events in schools. The team will meet next week and have a budget ready to present. This year, we received less of an increase from the state than last year. There are needs that the administrative team will be sharing. This year the team will very clearly represent what costs are causing the budget to go up, and of those, which are actually revenues. Administrators are trying to come in with a budget that our communities can support. Due to the need to meet one more time, he recommended that the board not meet next week and instead present the budget on March 20th. The board agreed not to meet next week, March 13th.

Dr. Tom also asked the board to discuss whether they want a Curriculum Coordinator or a combination Curriculum Coordinator/Assistant Superintendent. He said that he is always reachable by phone and recommends staying with a Curriculum Coordinator. He suggested that the new superintendent can decide what to do the following year. Some felt that the priority should be increasing central office staff as Kris does the work of three people.

Motion to continue curriculum coordinator as we have this year: Motion: Angie LeClair Second: Deb Smith

Vote: Unanimous

RE: The March 14 national student walk-out, the administrators have met with law enforcement to discuss the best way to do this and keep everyone safe. Our district will allow students to leave class at 10:00 to participate in the Walk-In for 17 minutes-one minute for each life lost in the Parkland shooting.

Administrators are meeting on Friday with all first responders to ensure that we are all prepared, have a protocol and a coordinated message should we have a school safety event.

   VIII. Budget Workshop-tabled

     IX. Adjournment at 7:25 pm

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**~~March 13, 2018-6:30pm-Board Business/Budget Meeting-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus~~**

**March 20, 2018-6:30pm-Board Business/Budget Meeting-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Adult Education Advisory-March 5, 2018-1:00pm-Mt. Blue Campus**