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

**Minutes**

**DATE: April 11, 2017**

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

**Time: 6:00 p.m. Executive Session**

 **6:45 p.m. Business Meeting**

**In attendance:** Jennifer Zweig Hebert, Betsey Hyde, ~~Nancy Crosby~~, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Richard Hargreaves, ~~Cherieann Harrison~~, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, ~~Ryan Morgan~~, Robert Patterson, ~~Jennifer Pooler~~, Iris Silverstein, Craig Stickney, Keith Swett, Helen Wilkey, and Griffin Mayhew.

**Also present:** Bruce Mochamer, Jason Bellerose, Nichole Goodspeed, Tracy Williams, Darlene Paine, ~~Keith Acedo~~, Melissa Williams, and Andy Hutchins.

1. Call to Order by Jennifer Zweig Hebert at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge
3. Executive Session-Expulsion Hearing Title § 405 (6)(B)

Motion to approve: Angie LeClair Seconded: Tami Labul

Vote: 11/1 (Keith Swett opposed.) (670/74)

Entered into executive session at 6:05 p.m.

Exited at 6:35 p.m.

Break from 6:35 – 6:41 p.m.

1. Consideration of the meeting minutes of March 28, 2017

Motion to approve: Keith Swett Seconded: Angie LeClair

Vote: 11/0/1 (Betsey Hyde abstained as she was absent on 4/11/17) (715)

 V. Report of the Chairperson

1. Good news stories from Board/Admin

 Melissa Williams shared that of the 150 films submitted for the High School 10 Day Film Challenge that Digital Media competed in last month, all 3 films submitted by FCTE students made it into the top 30 finalist round with the winners being announced April 27th. Films submitted were entered from over 22 states around the nation!  All Digital Media students had the opportunity to participate in all aspects of the story development, filming, editing, and promotional movie poster for this project!

 Melissa Williams also shared that Foster Career and Technical Center's Student of the Year 2017, has been announced. Lexi Daggett, (MBHS), has been chosen for this honor. Lexi has taken Composites Manufacturing, Plumbing, and Bank Teller programs at FCTE. She is the first (and only one to date) female student having taking the Plumbing class, and is a star.  Lexi will be recognized at the state CTE banquet and awards ceremony at the Green Ladle in Lewiston, on Saturday, April 29. Lexi will be recognized with the 27 other CTE recipients from around the state. We are very proud of Lex!

 Jason Bellerose shared that today MBMS 7th Graders participated in their annual Job Shadow Day while the 8th Graders participated Career Exploration Day. Both grades had a very positive experiences. Students asked great questions and presenters commented on the many positive interactions they enjoyed with our students.

Gear Up mini grant was awarded to MBMS to purchase a robotics kit.

Nichole Goodspeed shared that Friday Slugger from the Sea Dogs is coming to help with Friday PBIS Celebration.

Dr. Tom shared that the Robotics Team did a great job at the competition.

**Elizabeth Burke**  (Senior)-  Mt. Blue High School MPA Principal Award winner for 2017.  We attended a banquet this weekend in Bangor along with the other 130 plus students from all high schools across the state.

**Grace McIntosh** (Junior) – one of six girls in the state to receive the “Girls Rock Award” through the Hardy Girls Healthy Women organization this past weekend. She collected food items for the MBC food pantry and volunteers at Titcomb Mt.

**River Lisius** (Junior) earned first place in the Farmington Lions Club’s public speaking contest  “Speak Out” River will represent Mt. Blue at the state competition Saturday, April 29 in Orono. This will be a return trip for River who placed third last year in the State competition.

Other MBHS student involved in the contest - Remington Bard, MacKenzie Seaward, and Nolan Rogers.

**Gail Carlson and her ASL classes** – held their annual performance Friday night.  It was well attended – 300 people. Sean Forbes was the guest performer – a deaf rapper from Detroit. Sean ran a workshop with the students during the day. The students performed songs, poems, and their life stories through sign language that night.

 VI. Old Business

1. Personnel

New Hire-

 \*Katherine Duchesne Asst. Principal/Athletic Director MBMS

 Motion to approve: Keith Swett Seconded: Angie LeClair

 Vote: Unanimous (744)

 \*Haley Lynch 2nd grade teacher MAL

 Motion to approve: Angie LeClair Seconded: Betsey Hyde

 Vote: Unanimous (744)

 Retire-

 Alyce Cavanaugh School Nutrition Instructor District

 FYI-

 Kindle Bonsall JV Baseball Coach MBHS

 Megan Hall Ed Tech I Resource Room MBC

 Kathleen Kerr Assistant Track Coach MBMS

 Resign-

 Michael Marr Custodian CCHS

 Carrie Morrell Ed Tech II Resource Room MBMS

 Nathan Paling Spanish Teacher MBMS

 Transfers-

 2017-2018 School Year

 Alison Hatch 2nd grade at CCHS to 1st grade at MAL

 Hannah Goodenow 2nd grade at MAL to 1st grade at MAL

 Sara Spear Pre-K teacher ½ time to full time at MAL

 Lynda Szenes Adaptive Skills Teacher from MAL to MBC

 VII. New Business

1. Field trip request- FTC to NY- Melissa Williams

Motion to approve: Keith Swett Seconded: Doug Dunlap

Vote: Unanimous (715)

1. Proposal for Girls Lacrosse and Ultimate Frisbee clubs- Tabled.
2. PBE presentation-Leanne Condon shared the information that was presented to 8th grade parents.
3. Second reading BEDH Public Participation

Motion to approve as amended (remove the 2nd sentence of the 2nd PP on the 2nd page): Scott Erb Seconded: Doug Dunlap

Vote: 11/1 (Keith Swett opposed.) (670/74)

1. First reading KDE Crisis Team -- Tabled
2. First reading KDE-R Crisis Team Regulations -- Tabled
3. First reading IJOA School Sponsored and Non-School Sponsored Student Trips
4. Director of Curriculum/Assistant Superintendent’s Report-Leanne Condon presented information on making up the snow days.

Motion to approve pending state approval: Keith Swett

Seconded: Helen Wilkey Vote: Unanimous (744)

1. Superintendent’s Report-Dr. Thomas J. Ward Two Thursday night budget meetings were added – April 27 and May 4th.
2. Revenue
3. Budget update Health insurance increase came in at 1.37%. We had budgeted 5%. This will result in a savings that will be reported at the next meeting. We’ve also had an updated ED 279, which reflects an increase of $691,000 over the 16-17 funds. If the systems administration funds that the Governor took out are put back in, we stand to gain approximately $300,000.

 VIII. Adjournment at 8:46.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**April 25, 2017-Board Business Meeting-6:00pm-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**April 27, 2017-Board Budget Meeting-6:00pm-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**May 2, 2017-Board Business Meeting-6:00pm-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**

**May 4, 2017-Board Budget Meeting-6:00pm-The Forum-Mt. Blue Campus**