

SPECIAL BG&T COMMITTEE MEETING **5:00** at **CENTRAL OFFICE**
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APPROVED MINUTES
MVHS CAFETERIA
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026 SCHOOL BOARD **6:00PM**

Link for Live Viewing at: <https://meet.google.com/yok-odcy-hpg>

School Board Members Present: Chad Culleton, Allison Long, Peter DeFilipp, Darcy Klein, Ed Bulger, Kristen Chapman, Veronica “Bonnie” Knox(virtual), Dan Hodge, Erin Hinkley, Jennifer LeDuc(virtual), Doug Stone, Jonathan Ferreira,

School Board Members Absent: Vacant- Hanover Rep.

Staff & Community Present: Deb Alden, Brian Carrier, Matthew Gilbert, Margaret Therriault, Leah Kaulback, Tom Danylik, Carrie Luce, Ryan Wilkins, Troy Eastman, Jeff Pelletier, Brian Hooper, Diana Charest, Sarah Marshall, Steve Garcia, Kate Clement, Students, Staff, Community Members

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Welcome- ~~Jim Hodgkin, Elementary Principal MVCS~~ **Absent**
Matt Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

If yes:

Motion: E. Hinkley

Second: J. Ferreira

Motion to Add #5 under New Business Back to the Agenda.

Passed Opposed: P. DeFilipp

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the March 23rd Meeting and March 30th Budget Workshop of the Western Foothills Regional School Unit No. 10 School Board Meeting Minutes as Written.

March 23rd

Motion: A. Long

Second: P. DeFilipp

Unanimous

March 30th

Motion: K. Chapman Second: J. Ferreira

Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

(This is the time for the public to comment in-person at School Board Meetings)

Steve Garcia, Sarah Marshall, Lisa Russell

V. COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Alden-

- Paid respect with a moment of silence for two beloved staff members who have recently passed away: Heidi Brennick(3/21), Special Education Teacher at MVCS, and Deb Buotte(3/29), Secretary to the Principal at MVHS.
- Congratulated the Board on their choice of Matt Gilbert as Superintendent, beginning 7/1/2026.

Student Board Representatives Reports - MVHS- Chloe Brown

Student Board Representatives Reports - BJSHS- Vacant

Upcoming Meetings:

April ~~16th~~ 15th Negotiations at 4:00 at CO Conference Room

April 20th Patriot's Day- Central Office **CLOSED**

April 20th-24th School Vacation Week

April 27th School Board Meeting at 6:30 at **BJSHS**

April 29th Finance Committee Meeting at **4:00** at **BJSHS LIBRARY**

April 29th Policy Committee Meeting at **5:00** at **BJSHS LIBRARY**

April 29th BG&T Committee Meeting at **6:00** at **BJSHS LIBRARY**

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel Committee-3/18, 5/20
2. Policy Committee- 3/18, 4/29
3. Finance Committee- 2/25, 4/29
4. Building & Grounds Committee- 2/25, 4/13, 4/29
5. Negotiations Committee update- 4/15 Ed Techs
6. Region 9- 4/1
7. Region 11- No Updates
8. Curriculum Committee- 3/18, 5/20
9. Superintendent's Report-

MVCS - May 9th for the MVCS "Ribbon Cutting" - Open House -

more to come. Met on April 1st and went through the punch list - many items will be completed the week of April 20th. Next meeting on April 15th.

"Snow Days" - As of March 18th we have had three traditional snow days which takes us to Tuesday, June 16th for the last day of school. We still have 2 traditional snow days available as well. We will consider "Remote Learning days" unless we have no food or power.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE

Administrative/Department Reports:

JMG- MAD Day at MVHS 4/16/26- Larry Thornton and Students

Rescheduled to 5/11/26

Resignations/Retirements:

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Jim Hodgkin, Elementary Principal at MVCS, effective 4/30/26.

Transfers:

None

Appointments:

The Superintendent has appointed Melissa Forbes, as Head Field Hockey Coach at MVHS.

The Superintendent has appointed Melissa Porter, as Head Winter Cheerleading Coach at MVHS.

The Superintendent has appointed Kathryn Miracle, as Girls Tennis Coach at MVHS for the 2025-2026 season.

The Superintendent has appointed Trent Holman, as the JV Baseball Coach at MVHS for the 2025-2026 season.

New Hires (don't need Board approval):

The Superintendent has hired Bethanie Sharples, as Human Resources for the District.

The Superintendent has hired Erica Johnson, as a Bus Driver/ Custodian at MVCS.

Employee Probationary Period Completions:

Jennifer Aasen, Special Education, Ed Tech III at MVCS-4/1/26

Policy Regulations and Job Descriptions (don't need Board approval):

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Act to Reduce a Restorative Practice .5 Teacher position at HSES/BMS and .5 Teacher (Elective) to BJSHS for FY '27. \$109,847.99
Motion: A. Long Second: D. Klein
Passed Opposed: D. Stone
2. Act to Reduce One(1) School (Guidance) Counselor at HSES for FY'27. \$91,223.14
Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: E. Hinkley
Passed Opposed: D. Stone
3. Act to Reduce One(1) MVCS Principal Position for FY'27. \$131,918.06
Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: E. Bulger
Passed Opposed: D. Stone
4. Act to Reduce an ELL Education Technician for FY'27. \$50,181.07
Motion: K. Chapman Second: D. Klein
Passed Opposed: D. Stone

5. Act to Reduce a Library Education Technician at MVCS for FY'27.
 Motion: E. Hinkley Second: J. Ferreira \$52,622.14
 Unanimous
6. Act to Reduce One(1) Office Secretary at MVCS.
 Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. Klein \$45,454.28
 Unanimous
7. Act to Reduce One(1) School (Guidance) Counselor at MVCS for FY'27.
 Motion: E. Bulger Second: J. Ferreira \$103,636.18
 Unanimous
8. Act to Reduce One(1) Social Worker at MVCS for FY'27.
 Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. Klein \$117,454.23
 Passed Opposed: J. Ferreira, J. LeDuc, D. Stone, V. Knox
 Weighted Vote: In Favor= 640 Opposed= 271
9. Act to Reduce a Special Education Teacher at BJSHS.
 Motion: K. Chapman Second: D. Klein \$76,722.94
 Passed Opposed: A. Long, D. Stone
10. Act to Reduce Three(3) Teachers (Math, English, and French) at MVHS.
 \$186,998.78

Motion: D. Hodge made a motion to AMEND to separate French(\$58,333.94) from Math and English(\$128,664.84).

Second: D. Klein

Unanimous

Act to Reduce Two(2) Teachers (Math and English) at MVHS.

Motion: D.Hodge Second: D. Klein

Failed

In Favor: E. Hinkley, C. Culleton, A. Long, J. Ferreira

Opposed: D. Hodge, K. Chapman, E. Bulger, D. Klein, D. Stone, V. Knox, J. LeDuc, P. DeFilipp

Act to Reduce One(1) Teacher (French) at MVHS.

Motion: E. Bulger Second: D. Stone

Passed Opposed: D. Stone

11. Act to Cut MVHS Alpine/Nordic Skiing for FY'27.
 Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. Klein \$26,418.40
 Passed Opposed: D. Stone

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- ~~1. Act to Approve the RSU 10 Health and Safety Emergency Management Plan.~~
~~Motion: _____ Second: _____~~ **Rescheduled for 4/27/26**
2. Act to Appoint Christopher Brennick to the Region 9 Board of Directors, as the Third Representative for the RSU 10 District.
 Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. Klein
 Unanimous

3. Act to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation of Kelsi Stevens, as School Psychologist for the RSU 10 District.
Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. Klein
Unanimous
4. Act to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation of Carly Georgen, as a Grade 4 Special Education Teacher at MVCS.
Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. Klein
Unanimous
5. **Act to Approve Recommendation of the B,G,T Committee regarding the Bucket Loader.**
Motion: K. Chapman Second: D. Klein
Unanimous
6. Act to Reduce a Human Resource Specialist in RSU 10 for FY'27.
Motion: D. Klein Second: J. Ferreira \$95,143.24
Failed Opposed: Unanimous
7. Act to Reduce a Special Education Teacher at HSES for FY'27.
Motion: D. Klein Second: C. Culleton \$71,201.51
Failed Opposed: Unanimous
8. Act to Reduce Four(4) Special Education Education Technicians I's for FY '27.
Motion: D. Klein Second: J. Ferreira \$178,846.54
Motion: J. LeDuc made a motion to AMEND to reduce Two(2) Special Education Technician I's for FY'27.
Second: D. Stone
Passed Opposed: E. Bulger, V. Knox, A. Long, D. Stone
9. Act to Reduce Two (2) Teachers at HSES Based on Class Sizes for FY'27.
Motion: D. Klein Second: D. Stone \$117,909.20
Passed Opposed: A. Long, D. Stone
10. Act to Reduce Four (4) Teachers at MVCS Based on Class Sizes for FY'27.
Motion: D. Klein Second: J. Ferreira \$294,021.85
Motion: D. Stone made a motion to AMEND to reduce Two(2) Teachers at MVCS based on class sizes for FY'27.
Second: J. LeDuc
Passed In Favor: E. Bulger, K. Chapman, E. Hinkley, D. Stone, J. Ferreira, C. Culleton, J. LeDuc, V. Knox, D. Stone
Opposed: A. Long, D. Klein, D. Hodge
Vote to reduce Two Teachers at MVCS based on class sizes for FY'27.
Passed In Favor: E. Bulger, K. Chapman, E. Hinkley, D. Stone, J. Ferreira, C. Culleton, J. LeDuc, V. Knox
Opposed: A. Long, D. Klein, D. Hodge, D. Stone

Cont.

Prior to 23 vote:

K. Chapman made a motion to reconsider AMENDING to reduce Three(3) Teachers at MVCS based on class sizes for FY'27.

Second: E. Hinkley

Passed

In Favor: K. Chapman, D. Klein, E. Bulger, E. Hinkley, C. Culleton, V. Knox, D. Hodge

Opposed: P. DeFilipp, A. Long, D. Stone, J. LeDuc

Abstained: J. Ferreira

Vote to reduce Three(3) Teachers at MVCS based on class sizes for FY'27

In Favor: K. Chapman, E. Hinkley, E. Bulger, D. Klein, C. Culleton, J.

LeDuc, V. Knox

Opposed: P. DeFilipp, A. Long, D. Stone, D. Hodge

Abstained: J. Ferreira

Weighted Vote: In Favor= 712 Opposed= 243

11. Act on the Addition of One(1) General Ed. Education Technician III at MVCS-MS for FY'27.

Motion: D. Klein Second: E. Bulger \$52,622.14

Failed Opposed: Unanimous

12. Act to Reduce One(1) School Nurse at BJSHS.

Motion: K. Chapman Second: J. Ferreira \$105,169.85

Failed Opposed: D. Hodge, J. Ferreira, P. DeFilipp, A. Long, D. Stone, C. Culleton

Weighted Vote: In Favor= 476 Opposed= 507

13. Act on the Addition of a Med Tech (Education Technician I) at BJSHS.

Motion: E. Bulger Second: D. Klein \$46,057.43

Failed Opposed: Unanimous

14. Act to Reduce a Mechanic and a .5 Transportation Specialist Position for FY'27.

Motion: C. Culleton Second: D. Klein \$100,833.14

Second: D. Klein \$40,844.38

Motion: E. Hinkley made a motion to AMEND to reduce .5 mechanic and a .5 transportation specialist for FY'27.

Second: C. Culleton

Unanimous

15. Act to Reduce .5 Assistant Special Education Director Position in RSU 10 District for FY'27.

Motion: D. Klein Second: D. Stone \$65,974.26

Unanimous

16. Act to Reduce ELO Teachers to One(1) for the District Paid form Grant Funding for FY'27.

Motion: D. Klein Second: P. DeFilipp \$105,169.85

Unanimous

17. Act to Change the position of Assistant Superintendent to Curriculum Coordinator for FY'27.
Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: A. Long \$29,300.86
Unanimous
18. Act to Change Assistant Principal at HSES/BJSHS to AP/AD for FY'27.
Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. Stone \$5,000.00
Failed In Favor: K. Chapman Opposed: Remaining Board members
19. Act to Cut Two(2) Stipends for Athletic Director at BJSHS.
Motion: E. Bulger Second: D. Klein \$33,519.36
Failed In Favor: J. LeDuc Opposed: C. Culleton, D. Stone, J. Ferreira, V. Knox, A. Long, P. DeFilipp, E. Bulger, D. Klein, D. Hodge, E. Hinkley
Abstained: K. Chapman
20. Act to Reduce an Athletic Director Position in the MV Region for FY'27.
Motion: D. Klein Second: J. Ferreira \$137,615.71
Failed In Favor: A. Long Opposed: C. Culleton, D. Stone, J. Ferreira, V. Knox, A. Long, P. DeFilipp, E. Bulger, D. Klein, D. Hodge, C. Chapman
Abstained: E. Hinkley
21. Act on the Addition of Two(2) Stipends for Athletic Director at MVCS and MVHS.
Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. Stone \$33,519.36
Failed Opposed: C. Culleton, D. Stone, J. Ferreira, V. Knox, A. Long, P. DeFilipp, E. Bulger, D. Klein, D. Hodge, C. Chapman
Abstained: E. Hinkley
22. Act to Reduce an Athletic Trainer in the MV Region for FY'27.
Motion: J. Ferreira Second: D. Klein \$77,757.10
In Favor: A. Long, K. Chapman, E. Hinkley, V. Knox, C. Culleton
Opposed: J. LeDuc, D. Klein, E. Bulger, D. Hodge, P. DeFilipp, J. Ferreira
Failed
23. Act to Approve the FY 2026-2027 School Budget to Present to the Annual Budget Meeting on May 27th. 4.131% \$45,045,746.32
Motion: E. Bulger Second: D. Stone
Passed Abstained: K. Chapman

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Act to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Hiring a Director of Special Services for RSU 10 District Pursuant to 1 MRS § 405(6)(A).

Motion: C. Culleton Second: D. Stone
Unanimous at 9:38p.m.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: C. Culleton Second: D. Stone
Unanimous at 9:48 p.m

RESULTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Act on the Hiring of **Diana Charest**, as Director of Special Services for RSU 10 District Pursuant to 1 MRS § 405(6)(A) **with an Annual Salary of \$107,000, beginning July 1, 2026.**

Motion: C. Culleton Second: P. DeFilipp
Unanimous

No Board members who are in attendance of a Board meeting virtually can attend the executive session remotely, per BEC-R Executive Session Law(II): Restrictions During Executive Session.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: C. Culleton Second: D. Stone
Unanimous at 9:49p.m.