BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

MVCS CAFETERIA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026 SCHOOL BOARD **6:30PM**

Link for Live Viewing at: https://meet.google.com/yok-odcy-hpq

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

School Board Members Absent: Vacant- Hanover Rep.

School Board Student Rep. Absent: Chloe Brown

Staff & Community Present: Deb Alden, Brian Carrier, Matthew Gilbert, Margaret Therriault, Carrie Luce, Jim Hodgkin, Devin Roberts, Bethany Meehan-Poulin, Laura Johnston, Phil Olivieri, Tom Danylik, Diane Farnum, Rep. Mike Lance, Rep. Tammy Schmersal-Burgess, Pam/Matt Kaubris, Candice Casey, Carol Daigle, Barbara Arsenault, Matthew Martin, Deb Carver, Clyde Wardwell, Patty Flaherty, Tina Blouin, Dianne Worden, Mitzi Sequoia, Melanie Allen, Students, Staff, Community Members

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Welcome- Jim Hodgkin, Elementary Principal MVCS

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

If yes:

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second:D. Klein

Unanimous

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the January 12th Meeting of the Western Foothills Regional School Unit No. 10 School Board Meeting Minutes as Written.

Motion: V. Child Second: D. Klein

Passed Abstained: C. Culleton, D. Stone

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

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

Diane Farnum, Rep. Mike Lance, Rep. Tammy Schmersal-Burgess, Pam Kaubris, Candice Casey, Carol Daigle, Barbara Arsenault, Matthew Martin, Mitzi Sequoia Deb Carver, Clyde Wardwell, Patty Flaherty, Melanie Allen

V. COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Student Board Representatives Reports - MVHS- Chloe Brown

Student Board Representatives Reports - BJSHS- Vacant

Upcoming Meetings:
January 28th RSU 10 Withdrawal Negotiation Committee Meeting at 5:30 at CO
February 9th School Board Meeting at 6:30 at BJSHS
February 16th President's Day Central Office **CLOSED**
February 16th-20th School Vacation Week
February 23rd School Board Meeting at 6:30 at MVHS
February 25th Finance Committee Meeting at 4:00 at CO
February 25th Policy Committee Meeting at 5:00 at CO
February 25th BG&T Committee Meeting at 6:00 at CO

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel Committee- 1/21, 3/18
2. Policy Committee- 1/21, 3/18
3. Finance Committee- 2/25
4. Building & Grounds Committee- 12/17, 2/25
5. Negotiations Committee update- Ed Tech Bargaining Agreement/Contract
6. Region 9- First of February
7. Region 11- First of February
8. Curriculum Committee-1/21, 3/18
9. Superintendent's Report-

- **MVCS -** We are moved in and up and running! Landry-French and Harriman are still reviewing "punch lists" and replacing items that are on back order and will be back on site in the spring to complete outside areas. The wall for the Athletic Prep Area has been approved, ordered and they will let me know a date that it will be installed. So nice to be at this point. A HUGE thank you to all staff who worked all hours of the day and night to make this happen!! It certainly is taking everyone as well as relatives and friends!!
- **HSES -** Last week (1/12-1/16) toilet water was dark, which led to obvious concerns. Water Quality of Maine came out and determined the water had sentiment in it (nothing to do with the septic). Now they are testing to see if the sentiment is coming from pipes, filtration systems or the main water pump. If Devin knows anything new, he will report out to the Board. Also, to be clear, Devin spoke with Modern Pest and they are willing to pay for the entire year long treatment of the source of the pests. A Selectperson mentioned that RSU 10 said they would help with the situation, but have done nothing. I believe we have.
- **Withdrawal Negotiation Committee -** Jen, Allison, Bonnie and Ed please remember we are meeting with Attorney Dick Spencer on Wed. 28th @ 5:30 in CO. He will be sharing the process and what this Committee (representing RSU 10) will be responsible for.

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- "**Snow Days" -** We now have had three traditional snow days which takes us to Tuesday, June 16th for the last day of school. We still have 3 traditional snow days available as well. She would like to save those for Mondays since it is difficult to be prepared for a Monday remote. This would mean we would consider "Remote Learning" for Tuesdays-Fridays.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE

Administrative/Department Reports:
Opening of the New MVCS- Dr. Carrie Luce, MS Principal and Jim Hodgkin, Elementary Principal at MVCS

Resignations/Retirements:
The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Mindy Bourret, as a School Secretary at MVCS, effective 1/30/26.
The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Jessica Sirois, as the Varsity Field Hockey Coach at MVHS.

Transfers:
The Superintendent has approved the transfer of Celina Adley, from E-Helper, Ed Tech I at MVCS, to Special Education, Ed Tech II(ELS) at MVCS.

Appointments:
None

New Hires (don't need Board approval):
The Superintendent has hired Joseph Thomas, as a Transportation Aide/Bus Monitor for the MV Region of RSU 10.
The Superintendent has hired James Taylor, as a Special Education, Ed Tech III, Gateway Program at MVHS.
The Superintendent has hired Tracy Merrill, as a Special Education, Ed Tech III at MVCS.
The Superintendent has hired Daleen Bowen, as a Special Education, Ed Tech I at MVCS.
The Superintendent has hired Tina Pellerin as a Nutrition Service Worker 6.25hrs/dy at MVCS.
The Superintendent has hired Mindy Bourret, as a Nutrition Service Worker 5.75hrs/dy at MVHS.

Employee Probationary Period Completions:
Donna Stevens- Nutrition Service Worker at HSES- 1/12/26

Policy Regulations and Job Descriptions (don't need Board approval):
JICH-R Drug and Alcohol Misuse by Students: Administrative Procedure
Library/Media Specialist- Job Description

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Act to Discuss MVCS Public Bathroom.
   (Vote if required)
   V. Child made a motion to open the restroom as is.
   Second: D. Stone
   E. Hinkley made a motion to AMEND to open the restroom with a dividing wall.
   Second: D. Klein
   Weighted Vote:
   In Favor- **323-** E. Hinkley, K. Chapman, J. Ferreira, D. Klein, E. Bulger
   Opposed- **588-** C. Culleton, J. LeDuc, P. DeFilipp, A. Long, D. Hodge, V. Child, D. Stone
   Failed
   J. LeDuc made a motion to vote on the original motion made by V. Child.
   Second: A. Long
   Weighted Vote:
   In Favor- **588**- C. Culleton, J. LeDuc, P. DeFilipp, A. Long, D. Hodge, V. Child, D. Stone
   Opposed- **323**- E. Hinkley, K. Chapman, J. Ferreira, D. Klein, E. Bulge**r**
   Passed

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Act to Approve the Proposed School Calendar for the 2026-2027 SY.
   Motion: V. Child Second: P. DeFilipp
   Unanimous
2. Act on the First Reading of REVISED JLCD- Administration of Medication to Students.
   Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: V. Child
   Passed Opposed: E. Hinkley, K. Chapman, D. Klein, J. Ferriera
3. Act on the First Reading of REVISED KF- Community Use of School Facilities.
   Motion: V. Child Second: D. Stone
   Unanimous

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

V. Child, E. Hinkley, C. Culleton, K. Chapman, P. DeFilipp, D. Klein, D. Stone

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Second: at_____p.m

RESULTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(ONLY if vote is required)

Motion: Second:

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: D. Stone Second: V. Child at 8:25p.m.