

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA
MVHS CAFETERIA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026 SCHOOL BOARD at **6:30PM**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Welcome- Dr. Carrie Luce, Principal MVCS

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

If yes:

Motion: Second:

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the October 13th Meeting of the Western Foothills Regional School Unit No. 10 School Board Meeting Minutes as Written.

Motion: Second:

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

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

V. COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Student Board Representatives Reports - MVHS- Sawyer Durant

Student Board Representatives Reports - BJSHS- Grace Lebida/Ava Carsley

Upcoming Meetings:

November 9th School Board Meeting at **6:30** at **BJSHS**

November 11th Veterans Day Central Office **CLOSED**

November 18th Curriculum Committee Meeting at **4:00** at **CO**

November 18th Personnel Committee Meeting at **5:00** at **CO**

November 18th Policy Committee Meeting at **6:00** at **CO**

November 25th **NO School- Teacher Make-Up Day**

November 26th Thanksgiving Central Office **CLOSED**

November 27th Thanksgiving Central Office **CLOSED**

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel Committee
2. Policy Committee
3. Finance Committee
4. Building & Grounds Committee
5. Negotiations Committee update
6. Region 9
7. Region 11

8. Curriculum Committee
9. Superintendent's Report

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE

Administrative/Department Reports:

Financial Update- Leah Kaulback, Business Manager

Resignations/Retirements:

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Cheryl Foster, Grade 7 Science Teacher at MVCS, effective 11/20/26.

Transfers:

None

Appointments:

The Superintendent has appointed Marc Smith, as Varsity Girls Basketball Coach at BJSHS.

The Superintendent has appointed Ayden Jefferson, as MS Girls JV Basketball Coach at BJSHS.

The Superintendent has appointed Daniel McDonough, as MS Boys Varsity Basketball Coach at BJSHS.

New Hires (don't need Board approval):

The Superintendent has hired Kayla Hopper-Rutter, as a Special Education, Ed Tech II(ELS) at MVCS. * **PENDING certification***

The Superintendent has hired Sarah Gonzalez, as a Nutrition Service Worker (6.75hrs/dy) at MVCS.

The Superintendent has hired Bandon Ricci, as a FT- Bus Driver/Custodian at MVHS.

Employee Probationary Period Completions:

Hayley Jones- Special Education-Ed Tech III at MVCS- 10/24/26

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

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Policy BBA- School Board Powers and Responsibilities.
2. Discussion on RSU 10 Strategic Plan.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Act to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation of Krystal Eicher, as Kindergarten Teacher at MVCS for the **2026-2027 SY ONLY**.

Motion: Second:

2. Act to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation of Daniel Ryder, as Gifted/Talented (G/T) Teacher for the Mountain Valley(MV) Region.

Motion: Second

3. Act to Approve an Overnight Trip for the YMCA Youth and Government Group.
(Chris Brennick)

Motion: **Second:**

4. Act to Join Social Media Multidistrict Litigation (MDL) No. 3047, with regard to Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability, Created by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (JPML)with Napoli Shkolnik PLLC Attorneys At Law.

Motion: **Second:**

- ### 5. Act on the First Reading of Policy DD- Grants.

Motion: **Second:**

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

Finance Committee Minutes
October 14, 2026 @ 4:00
BJSHS Library

Members of the Finance Committee:

Dan Hodge (Chair), Peter DeFillip, Kristen Chapman, and Darcy Klein

Committee Members Present: Dan Hodge (Chair), Peter DeFillip, Kristen Chapman

Committee Members Absent:

Community and Staff:

Call to Order: 4:05

1. Meroby
 - a. Looking to see the most beneficial way to move forward for the winter.
2. Plowing Bid
 - a. Awarded to Ray Carver
3. Refrigeration
 - a. BJSHS to address an unplanned need out of the supplemental budget funds we received from the state.
4. HSES Update Septic and Siding
5. Audit Update
6. Overtime
 - a. Issues are being addressed every pay period with administration. This includes a review of systems, contracts, requests and needs.
7. Future Topics
 - a. Report and budget update
 - b. Funds for management of athletic and co-curricular activities
 - c.

Adjourned: 5:00PM

Next Meeting: December 16, 2026 @ 4:00 @ Central Office Conference Room

RSU #10 Policy Committee Minutes
October 14th, 2026 @ 5:00PM
Buckfield Junior-Senior High School Library

Members of the Policy Committee:

Chair - Allison Long • Kristen Chapman • Veronica Knox • Amanda Kolln • Jon Starr

Attendees: Allison Long • Kristen Chapman • Amanda Kolln (virtual) • Jon Starr • Veronica Knox (virtual) • Matt Gilbert • Leah Kaulback • Lisa Russell • Community members (2)

1. Discuss need to review policy JICA (Dress Code)
 - a. Conversation looked at how it was developed, what it says, and how it is enforced
 - b. Have student councils work to review policy and enforcement
 - c. Policy review with the administrators with a focus on enforcement strategies
2.  DRAFT DD: Grants –finalize
 - a. Answer to question for MSMA
 - b. Other relevant RSU #10 policy (no MSMA sample for this one):
 -  DDA Funding Sources Outside the Regional School Unit.doc
 - c. Moved to the first reading with the board–unanimous
3.  DRAFT EBBD Temperature Standards for Schools.docx –finalize
 - a. Follow up with what Matt and Kristen learned about this policy at the MPA session
 - b.  MSMA SAMPLE (2025) EBBD: Temperature Standards for Schools.docx
 - c. Bumped to the next meeting
4. BJSHS Handbook
 - a. Bumped to the next meeting in Buckfield
5. Future policy work
 - a. Identify a date and time for the committee to meet for a three hour period to focus on any mandatory policies
6. Adjourned 6:01

Note: This Committee is reviewing any policy that is eight (8) or more years since last review/revision. Other policies are reviewed as they are brought to the Committee's attention and/or as laws change.

Next Meeting: November 18, 6:00pm, Central Office Conference Room

BG&T Committee Minutes
October 14, 2026 @ 6:00
BJSHS Library

Members of the BGT Committee:

Peter DeFilipp-Chair, Erin Hinkley, Dan Hodge, Jonathan Ferreira

Committee Members Present:

Committee Members Absent:

Community and Staff:

Call to Order: 6:04

1. Meroby
 - a. Disposal of equipment
 - b. Usage
 - c. Preparing for the winter
2. Plowing Bid
 - a. Ray Carver came in as the lowest bid for plowing at MVCS and MES
3. Refrigeration
 - a. BJSHS replace all refrigeration components with brand new parts
4. HSES Update Septic and Siding
 - a. Received permit from the state for septic
 - b. We have been in contact with a local contractor to complete the phase of the project impacting the gym. This will be completed before winter. The board wants an itemized estimate before final approval.
5. MVCS Staffing
 - a. Tried one head custodian and it appears that the building is too large for one person to supervise.
 - b. Install a camera on the wall by the bathrooms in the lobby.
6. Capital Improvement Plan  RSU 10 Capital Improvement Plan Draft
 -  RSU 10 Capital Improvement Tracking
 - a. How do we build this and at the same time take advantage of the software we purchased to build a plan.
 - b. Working with our maintenance providers to prioritize projects.
 - c. ReVision Energy project.
7. Future Topics

Adjourned:

Next Meeting: December 16, 2026 @ 6:00 @ Central Office Conference Room

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APPROVED MINUTES
MVHS CAFETERIA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 SCHOOL BOARD at 6:30PM

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

School Board Members Present: Allison Long, Peter DeFilipp, Darcy Klein, Amanda Kolln,
Dan Hodge, Erin Hinkley, Jonathan Ferreira, Carol Daigle,
Veronica “Bonnie” Knox, Kristen Chapman(virtual), Jonathan Starr

School Board Members Absent: Chad Culleton, Vacant- Hanover Rep.

School Board Student Reps. Present: Ava Carsley, Grace Lebida

School Board Student Reps. Absent: Sawyer Durant

Staff & Community Present: Matthew Gilbert, Margaret Therriault, Brian Carrier, Jaime Ela,
Leah Kaulback, Diana Charest, Diane Farrington, Troy Eastman,
Cathy Lizotte, Patty Flaherty, Students, Staff, Community
Members

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Welcome- Dr. Carrie Luce, Principal MVCS

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

If yes: None

Motion: Second:

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the September 8th Meeting of the Western Foothills
Regional School Unit No. 10 School Board Meeting Minutes as Written.

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. KLein

Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

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

Cathy Lizotte

Paty Flaherty

V. COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Student Board Representatives Reports - MVHS- Sawyer Durant-Absent- Mr.
Gilbert read Sawyer’s report.

Student Board Representatives Reports - BJSHS- Grace Lebida/Ava Carsley

Upcoming Meetings:

October 5th Special Board Meeting Executive Session at, 6:00 at MVHS

LIBRARY- *TENTATIVE*

October 12th Indigenous Peoples' Day Central Office **CLOSED**

October 13th(TUESDAY) School Board Meeting at 6:30 at MVHS

October 14th Finance Committee Meeting at 4:00 at BJSHS

October 14th Policy Committee Meeting at 5:00 at BJSHS

October 14th BG&T Committee Meeting at 6:00 at BJSHS

October 26th School Board Meeting at 6:30 at MVHS

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel Committee-9/16, 11/18
2. Policy Committee-9/16, 10/14
3. Finance Committee-10/14, 12/16
4. Building & Grounds Committee-10/14, 12/16
5. Negotiations Committee update-None
6. Region 9-None
7. Region 11-10/8- New Director and Assistant Director
8. Curriculum Committee-9/16, 11/18
9. Superintendent's Report

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE**Administrative/Department Reports:**

Leak Kaulback, Business Manager- Financial Update

Jaime Ela- Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment- Data Story

Resignations/Retirements:

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Timothy O'Brien,
Physical Education Teacher at MVCS, effective 9/28/26.

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Bob Laubauskas, as the MS- JV
Girls Basketball Coach at MVCS.

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Patrick Dunham, as MS Boys
Head Basketball Coach at BJSHS.

Transfers:

The Superintendent has approved the transfer of Joseph Thomas from 20hrs/wk Bus
Aide/Monitor in the MV Region, to PT(30hrs/wk) Van Driver/Utility for the District.

Appointments:

None

New Hires (don't need Board approval):

The Superintendent has hired Marycarol Wieland, as a Nutrition Service Worker (5.75hrs/dy) at MVCS.

Employee Probationary Period Completions:

James Taylor- Special Education, Ed Tech III at MVHS-9/12/26

Kelsey Salatino-LeBreton- Special Education, Ed Tech III at MVCS- 9/16/26

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

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Act to Approve a MVCS Grade 7 Trip to Bryant Pond with 3 Overnight Stays from October 13th -16th(return by the end of the school day on October 16th).
(Diane Farrington, Grade 7 Teacher)
Motion: A. Long Second: D. Klein
Unanimous
2. Act on the Superintendent's Recommendation of Jacob Curtis, as a Grade 7 Social Studies Teacher at MVCS.
Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. Klein
Unanimous
3. Act on the Superintendent's Recommendation of Kelsey Salatino-LeBreton, as a Grade 5 Teacher at MVCS.
Motion: A.Kolln Second: D. Klein
Unanimous

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

K. Chapman

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. Klein

Unanimous at 7:28p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING EXECUTIVE SESSION
APPROVED MINUTES
MVHS- LIBRARY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 SCHOOL BOARD at 6:00PM
IN-PERSON MEETING ONLY

School Board Members Present: Chad Culleton, Allison Long, Peter DeFilipp, Darcy Klein, Dan Hodge, Jonathan Ferreira, Carol Daigle, Kristen Chapman

School Board Members Absent: Erin Hinkley, Jonathan Starr, Veronica "Bonnie" Knox, Amanda Kolln, Vacant- Hanover Rep.

Staff & Community Present: Matthew Gilbert, Students, Staff, Community Members

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Welcome- Matthew Gilbert, Superintendent

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

If yes: None

Motion: Second:

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

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

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Act to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of a Personnel Matter 1 MRS §405(6) (A), (20-A MRS §13202). at 6:02_p.m.

Motion: Chad Culleton Second: Dan Hodge

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Chad Culleton Second: Dan Hodge at 6:29_p.m

RESULTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Act on a Personnel Matter Pursuant to 1 MRS §405(6) (A), (20-A MRS §13202).

To approve the unpaid leave of absence request by Sandy Scesny for the remainder of the 2026-27 school year and to return to work by July 5, 2027.

Motion: Chad Culleton Second: Darcy Klein

Unanimous in Favor

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Allison Long

Second: Darcy Klein

6:35PM adjourned

BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

Having accepted the challenge of service on this School Board, I accept the principles set forth in the following code of ethics to guide me in helping to provide free public education to all the children of my school unit within the State of Maine.

- A. I will view service on the School Board as an opportunity to serve my District, community, and state.
- B. I will at all times think of children first and base my decisions on how they will affect children, their education, and their training.
- C. I will make no disparaging remarks, in or out of the Board meetings, about other members of the Board or their opinions.
- D. I will remember at all times that as an individual I have no legal authority outside the meetings of the Board, and that I will conduct my relationship with the school staff, the local citizenry, and all media of communications on the basis of this fact.
- E. I will recognize that my responsibility is not to operate the schools but to see that they are well operated.
- F. I will seek to provide education for all children in the community commensurate with their needs and abilities.
- G. I will listen to all citizens but will refer all complaints to the proper authorities, and will discuss such complaints only at a regular meeting after failure of administrative solution.
- H. I will graciously support a decision made by the majority of the Board.
- I. I will not criticize employees publicly, but will make such criticism to the Superintendent for investigation and action, if necessary.
- J. I will make decisions openly after all facts bearing on a question have been presented and discussed.
- K. I will refuse to make promises as to how I will vote on a matter that should properly come before the Board as a whole.
- L. I will not discuss the confidential business of the Board in my home, on the street, or in my office, the place for such discussion being the School Board meeting.
- M. I will confine my Board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, leaving the administration of the schools to the Superintendent.

- N. I will welcome and encourage cooperation and participation by teachers, administrators, and other personnel in developing policies that affect their welfare and that of the children they serve.
- O. I will endeavor at all times to see that schools have adequate financial support within the capabilities of the community and state, in order that every child may receive the best possible education.
- P. I will resist every temptation and outside pressure to use my position as a School Board member to benefit myself or any individual or agency apart from the total interest of the school unit.
- Q. I will endeavor to attend every regular and special Board meeting. If I find that this is not possible for an extended length of time, I will give consideration to resigning from my position on the Board.
- R. I will recognize at all times that the School Board of which I am a member is an agent of the state, and as such, I will abide by the laws of the state and the regulations formulated by the Maine Department of Education and by the State Board of Education.

Adopted: May 20, 2002 (was policy BBF)
Revised: 11/6/06
First reading of revisions: March 26, 2018
Second reading and adopted: April 2, 2018

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS

The Board will hold its regular business meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month unless otherwise set by action of the Board.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

A special meeting of the Board is a meeting that is held to address important matters that arise between regular meetings and/or require Board action before the time set for the next regular meeting, or to consider a single subject in one session.

A special meeting may be called at any time at the discretion of the Chair or at the request of the Superintendent. A special meeting may also be called at the written request of a simple majority of the Board (not a weighted vote).

The Superintendent shall be responsible for providing notice of a special meeting to Board members and the media at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. The notice or agenda shall indicate the subject(s) of the meeting and action to be taken.

No business other than that stated in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted

EMERGENCY MEETINGS

An emergency meeting of the Board is a meeting that is called because a matter is so urgent that it must be addressed immediately and the advance notice required for a special meeting cannot reasonably be provided.

An emergency meeting may be called by the Chair or at the request of the Superintendent.

Whenever practicable, 24 hour advance notice will be provided. The Superintendent shall notify the media of an emergency meeting by the same or faster means as used to notify Board members. The notice shall indicate the purpose of the meeting.

No business may be transacted other than that related to the purpose for which the emergency meeting is called.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Executive sessions of the Board shall be called and conducted in accordance with state law. Only the matter(s) stated in the motion to enter executive session shall be considered. No final action may be taken in executive session.

WORKSHOPS AND INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

The Board, at its discretion, may schedule workshops and other meetings to discuss a particular subject or proposal or to gather input from staff, community, or other groups.

No formal action shall be taken by the Board at any meeting other than a regular meeting, special meeting, or emergency meeting.

Legal References: 1 MRSA § 403 et seq.
20-A MRSA § 1001

Cross References: BEC—Executive Sessions
BEDA—Notification of Board Meetings
BEDB—Agenda Preparation and Dissemination

Adopted: November 20, 1989 (Was policies BD, BDA, and BDAA)

Revised: February 26, 2007

Reviewed: October 10, 2017

First reading: October 24, 2022

Second reading and adoption: 11/14/22

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING **DRAFT** MINUTES
MVHS CAFETERIA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 SCHOOL BOARD at **6:30PM**

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

School Board Members Present: Chad Culleton, Allison Long, Peter DeFilipp, Darcy Klein(virtual), Jonathan Starr, Dan Hodge, Erin Hinkley(virtual), Kristen Chapman(virtual), Veronica "Bonnie" Knox

School Board Members Absent: Amanda Kolln, Jonathan Ferreira, Vacant- Hanover Rep.

Staff & Community Present: Matthew Gilbert, Margaret Therriault, Brian Carrier, Jaime Ela, Leah Kaulback, Diana Charest, Karen Wilson, Todd Papianou, Grace Lebida, Chris Brennick, Tom Danylik, Travis Palmer, Students, Staff, Community Members

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Welcome- Tom Danylik, Principal MVHS

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

If yes:

Motion: Second:

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the September 21st and October 5th Meetings of the Western Foothills Regional School Unit No. 10 School Board Meeting Minutes as Written.

9/21/26

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: V. Knox Passed Abstained: C. Culleton

10/5/26

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: A. Long Passed Abstained: A. Long

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

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

V. COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Student Board Representatives Reports - MVHS- Sawyer Durant

Student Board Representatives Reports - BJSHS- Grace Lebida/Ava

Carsley(Absent)

Upcoming Meetings:

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October 14th Policy Committee Meeting at 5:00 at BJSHS

October 14th BG&T Committee Meeting at 6:00 at BJSHS

October 26th School Board Meeting at 6:30 at MVHS

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel Committee- 11/18
2. Policy Committee- 10/14
3. Finance Committee- 10/14
4. Building & Grounds Committee- 10/14
5. Negotiations Committee update- N/A
6. Region 9- 223 Total Students attending(RSU 10, RSU 56, RSU 44). Invited RSU 10 to hold meetings at their facility.
7. Region 11- 10/8 Dinner and Joint Meeting
8. Curriculum Committee- 11/18
9. Superintendent's Report

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE**Administrative/Department Reports:**

Technology Update- Brian Carrier, Director of Technology

Resignations/Retirements:

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Stephen Delorge, Bus Driver/Custodian at HSES, effective Immediately.

The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Jennifer Rosado, Science Teacher at BJSHS, effective 11/5/26.

Transfers:

None

Appointments:

The Superintendent has appointed David Kilborn, as Middle School and High School Athletic Director at BJSHS, STIPEND position.

New Hires (don't need Board approval):

The Superintendent has hired Zachary Yates, as a FT- Bus Driver/Custodian at MVCS.

The Superintendent has hired Barry Miller, as a PT(20hrs/wk)- Bus Driver for the District.

The Superintendent has hired Victoria Meader, as a Special Education, Ed Tech II at

MVCS.

Cont.

Crystal Duguay, Director of the Western Foothills Regional Program(WFRP), has hired Alicia Bulger, as a Special Education Teacher at WFRP.

Employee Probationary Period Completions:

None

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

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Act on the Superintendent's Recommendation of Hunter Bosse, as an Elementary STEAM Teacher at MVCS.

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton

Unanimous

2. Act on the Superintendent's Recommendation of Christopher Araujo, as an Elementary Physical Education(PE) Teacher at MVCS.

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: V. Knox

Unanimous

3. Act to Approve a Mountain Valley High School, Outing Club Calendar of Scheduled Trips. (Karen Wilson and Todd Papianou).

Motion: A. Long Second: C. Culleton

Unanimous

4. Act to Authorize the Use of Remaining \$12,000, from 2009 RUS Grant.

Motion: V. Knox Second: P. DeFilipp

Unanimous

5. Act to Approve the Resolution to Authorize Lease Financing of \$683,776 for Phase 11 of the EEI Efficiency Project at WFRP.

Motion:

I move that the resolution entitled, "Resolution to Authorize Lease Financing of a \$683,776 Energy Conservation Project at RSU Schools" be approved in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Resolution be included with the minutes of this meeting.

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton Opposed: C. Daigle

Passed

6. Act to Approve a Contract with the Town of Rumford Parks Department.

Motion: V. Knox Second: P. DeFilipp

Unanimous

7. Discussion and Update on October 1st Enrollment Report.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

P. DeFilipp, C. Daigle, D. Hodge, K. Chapman

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: V. Knox Second: P. DeFilipp at 7: 47p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Directors shall have general charge of all the public schools of this unit and shall exercise such other responsibilities as specifically provided by law.

The Board shall concern itself primarily with broad questions of policy rather than with administrative details. The application of policies is an administrative task to be performed by the Superintendent and his/her staff, who shall be held responsible for the effective administration and supervision of the entire school system.

The Board, functioning within the framework of laws, court decisions, Attorney General's opinions, and similar mandates from the state and national levels of government, and recognizing the authority of the state, fulfills its mission as the governing body of a political subdivision by acting as follows in the execution of its duties:

- A. Enacts policy;
- B. Selects, employs, and evaluates the Superintendent;
- C. Provides for the planning, expansion, improvement, financing, construction and maintenance of the physical plant of the school system;
- D. Prescribes the minimum standards needed for the efficient operation and improvement of the school system;
- E. Requires the establishment and maintenance of records, accounts, archives, management methods and procedures incidental to the conduct of school business;
- F. Approves the budget, financial reports, audits, major expenditures, payment of obligations, and policies whereby the administration may formulate procedures, regulations, and other guides for the orderly accomplishment of business;
- G. Estimates the funds necessary from taxes for the operation, support, maintenance and improvement of the school system;
- H. Adopts courses of study;
- I. Provides staff and instructional aids (i.e. supplies and equipment);
- J. Evaluates the educational program to determine the effectiveness with which the schools are achieving the educational purposes of the school system;
- K. Provides for the dissemination of information relating to the schools necessary for creating a well-informed public;
- L. Approves/disapproves personnel nominations from the Superintendent and determines (where appropriate via collective bargaining) compensation and working conditions of all staff; and
- M. Approves the school calendar.

Legal Reference:	20-A MRSA § 1001
Adopted:	December 16, 1001
Revised:	November 6, 2006
Reviewed:	June 16, 2021

9/23/2026

Re: Social Media Multidistrict Litigation (MDL) No. 3047: Overview and Recent Developments

Background

The Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation was created by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (JPML) on October 6, 2022, and centralized in the Northern District of California. The MDL No. 3047 consolidates hundreds, and now thousands, of lawsuits alleging that social media platforms, such as – Meta (Facebook and Instagram), TikTok, Snap, Google/YouTube, etc. - were intentionally designed to be addictive and caused harms to children, adolescents, school districts, governmental entities, and individuals. The MDL is to centralize common pretrial proceedings, including discovery, motion practice, expert issues, and common factual questions, so that thousands of similar lawsuits do not proceed independently in courts across the country. The claims currently being asserted by school districts against social media platforms include:

- Were intentionally designed to maximize student engagement and addictive use.
- Contributed to increased rates of anxiety, depression, self-harm, and other mental health issues among students.
- Interfered with learning, discipline, attendance, and overall student well-being.
- Shifted substantial costs onto schools that were required to respond to these issues.

Recent settlement activity within and related to MDL 3047, reflects the continued evolution of the nationwide social media litigation.

June 2026: Kentucky School District Bellwether Settlement

One of the most significant developments occurred when the first federal bellwether plaintiff, the Breathitt County School District in Kentucky, reached a settlement shortly before trial. According to multiple legal reports, the case settled for approximately \$27 million involving several social media defendants. The settlement did not resolve the broader MDL, but it represents one of the first major resolutions within the litigation. Although the specific terms of Meta's contribution remain confidential, the settlement avoided what would have been the first federal bellwether trial in the MDL and may reflect the defendants' assessment of litigation risks. As a result, this settlement is considered both substantial and significant.

Following the settlement of the Breathitt County School District bellwether, additional school-district bellwether trials reportedly remain scheduled for February 2027, including cases involving the Tucson Unified School District (Arizona) and Charleston County School District (South Carolina)..

Reported settlement terms include:

- Teen usage limits
- Nighttime usage restrictions
- Reduced school-day notifications
- Additional youth safety measures and protections



Significance of these Settlements

These settlements reinforce what many plaintiffs have long argued:

- The claims are being taken seriously.
- Defendants are willing to resolve significant cases.
- The litigation continues to gain momentum.

As additional plaintiffs, school districts, and governmental entities join the MDL, the collective weight of the litigation continues to grow. Increased participation helps demonstrate the scope and widespread nature of the alleged harm and may strengthen the negotiating position of claimants in future settlement discussions.

With the first bellwether case resolved and additional trials approaching, potential claimants may view the present stage of the litigation as a critical period in which to evaluate participation. Early involvement may facilitate inclusion in ongoing discovery efforts and position claimants to potentially benefit from any future global resolution.

Current Status

As of September 2026, MDL 3047 remains highly active. New social media addiction lawsuits continue to be filed and added to the litigation, the court continues to process transfer requests from jurisdictions across the country, and the MDL continues to expand. In short, the litigation is still growing rather than winding down.

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EDUCATIONAL POLICIES OF
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 10

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POLICY: DD
ADOPTED:

GRANTS

The Board encourages the Superintendent/designees to pursue federal, state, foundation, corporate and other grants for the support of the schools and the enhancement of educational opportunities. The Superintendent is expected to be alert to potential sources of grant funding and to make recommendations for Board action.

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to apply for and accept federal and state grants. It is the policy of the Board to comply with all Federal and State requirements that may be a condition of receipt of grant funds. The Superintendent/designee shall be responsible for developing and implementing procedures to ensure with federal and state grant obligations, including procedures to ensure appropriate grant reports are complete, accurate, and filed on time.

GRANTS FROM OTHER SOURCES

All other district-wide grant applications or proposals must be approved by the Board prior to submission to the funding agency.

When a grant application or proposal is presented to the Board for its approval, the Superintendent/designee will advise the Board as to whether additional staff will be needed to support the implementation of the grant and to maintain records that may be required by the granting entity; the availability of resources if matching funds are required; whether additional resources will be needed for continuation of the program when the grant expires; and measures that will be used to evaluate whether the objectives of the grant are being achieved.

Grant applications and proposals that apply to individual schools must be submitted to the building principal, who will make a recommendation to the Superintendent. The Superintendent may present the grant application or proposal to the Board for its approval.

All grant funds received will be deposited into District accounts. Applicable Federal and State regulations, Board policies and school unit administrative procedures regarding purchasing, contracting, expenditures, and accounting will be followed in the administration and monitoring of grant funds. Staff positions created through grant funding will be filled pursuant to Board policy.

The Superintendent/designee may establish additional procedures for grant applicants, coordination of grant proposals, and for oversight and administration of grants received.

The Superintendent/designee will keep accurate records of all grant expenditures and will report annually on all grants received.

Individual Teacher Classroom Grants

Individual teachers may investigate eligibility requirements for foundation, corporate, and other grants that will benefit a single classroom. The building principal is authorized to approve applications/proposals for such “mini-grants” as long as they do not exceed \$1000, require matching or non-budgeted funds, or impose a continuing obligation. If the grant exceeds \$1000, the Superintendent must approve the application/proposal.

All classroom grant funds will be deposited into District accounts.

Awards of classroom grants will be reported to the building principal, who will inform the Superintendent. The Superintendent will report such awards to the Board.

Cross Reference: [= DDA Funding Sources Outside the Regional School Unit.doc](#)
[W KCD Public Gifts_Donations to the Schools.doc](#)

First reading:

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