

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GARVIN LIBRARY
January 7, 2015

Present:

School Board: Angeline Alley, Paul Hazel, Nicole Little, Judy Murray, Julie Oliver,
Tom Page, Ron Phillips, Brenda Powers, Bruce Stevens

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, Donna Waelter, Daryl Sulham,
Dena Baker, Lori Blood

Members of the Community, Staff, and Students

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Old Business
 - a. Review of two 2015-16 School District Budget Options
 - i. Propose one-time items to be covered by the surplus as of 12/3/14
 - ii. Budgeted position changes 2016
 - iii. How can we benefit in 2016 and 2017 from the remaining surplus we have today?
- III. Public Participation
 - a. Discussion around the budget options
- IV. Action Items
 - a. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Ron Phillips to adopt Budget Option #1 in the amount of \$8,051,713. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
 - b. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Tom Page that \$100,000 be placed in the Capital Reserve and \$76,395 remaining in the General Fund balance. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- V. Consent Agenda
 - a. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Ron Phillips to approve the Board minutes of December 17, 2014. Motion voted on and approved with two abstentions (Paul Hazel and Tom Page)
 - b. Orders were approved by committee
 - c. Administration Reports
 - i. Written reports were submitted by various administrators
 1. Several Board members asked questions and made comments
- VI. Correspondence
 - a. Letter was read from Music Director Jean Shields expressing appreciation for Principal Emilie Knisley's support and encouragement during the Holiday concerts, as well as leading in many, many ways at BMU.
- VII. Action Items
 - a. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Tom Page that the Elementary announced tuition rate be set at \$10,100 for the '15-'16 school year. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

- b. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Ron Phillips that the Middle School announced tuition rate be set at \$14,300. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
 - c. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Ron Phillips that the Secondary announced tuition rate be set at \$14,300 for the '15-'16 school year. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - d. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Ron Phillips that the Special Education Excess Cost be set at \$8,000 for the '15-'16 school year. Motion voted and approved unanimously
- VIII. Committee Reports
- a. Building and Grounds (Bruce Stevens) met and will be deciding on a burner very soon. Installation should not be too difficult
- IX. Review "To Do List"
- a. Monday, January 12, 2015, Supt. Pike and some Board members will be meeting with Haverhill Cooperative School Board to talk about working together on joint initiatives
- X. Setting the Next Agenda
- a. Bound copies of the audit were distributed. The Auditor will be present via conference call at the January 21st meeting
- XI. Executive Session
- a. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Ron Phillips to move into Executive Session at 8:41 PM pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (1) contracts. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board were Emilie Knisley and Lori Blood.
 - b. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Ron Phillips to exit Executive Session at 9:06 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
- XII. Action—None taken

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk