

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
GARVIN LIBRARY  
January 21, 2015**

Present:

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

Administration: Richard Pike, Lori Blood

Staff: Lorin Hosmer

VSBA Consultant: Bob Stevens

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
  
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Motion by Tom Page seconded by Angeline Alley to approve the Board minutes of January 7, 2015. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
  
  - b. Orders were approved by committee.
  
- III. Action Items
  - a. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Angeline Alley to authorize the Chair to sign the Butler Transportation Contract extension. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
  
  - b. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Angeline Alley to approve the MOA with the BMEA to authorize the change in the LTD Insurance carrier. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
  
  - c. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Angeline Alley to approve the MOA with the BMEA to authorize an extension of the timeline in the Support Staff Substitute language. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
  
  - d. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Angeline Alley to rescind the motion made at the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting by Angeline Alley and seconded by Ron Phillips that the Special Education Excess Cost be set at \$8,000 for the '15-'16 school year. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
  
- IV. Executive Session 313a.1 Contracts
  - a. Motion by Angeline Alley seconded by Brenda Powers to move into Executive Session at 7:06 PM pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (1) contracts. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

Accompanying the Board were Bob Stevens and Lori Blood.

Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Tom Page to exit Executive Session at 7:57 PM.

Action:

Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Tom Page to authorize three board members (Angeline Alley, Bruce Stevens and Paul Hazel) to review the superintendent applications. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Judy Murray).

Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Brenda Powers, to direct the three board members reviewing the superintendent applications if in their opinion any candidate is worthy of consideration for the position, VSBA Consultant Bob Stevens will be contacted to set up interviews as soon as possible. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

V. Old Business

a. Via a conference call, Melanie Rodjenski, representing the district's auditing firm of Fothergill, Segale & Valley, discussed the annual school district audit. She stated that her auditing firm issued a clean opinion for the audit. She also provided a brief overview of the changes in fund balance and how the statements work together. A recommendation in the audit was to assign a knowledgeable member of Management to review special education time study and individual education plan documentation for accuracy and compliance. The Business Manager and Director of Special Services already have new protocols in place.

VI. Administration Reports

- a. Daryl has received the three bids for the replacement of the two oil burners and recommends the Vermont Mechanical bid (\$19,975). Motion by Angeline Alley seconded by Brenda Powers to approve the bid. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
- b. A request was made for a report from the AD and Systems Administrator.
- c. Chair Bruce Stevens and Superintendent Pike attended a meeting with the Haverhill Cooperative School Board on January 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss opportunities for collaboration and sharing of resources.

VII. Public Participation - None

VIII. Correspondence -None

IX. Report of Committees

- a. Community Relations Committee – Update on timeline for the newsletter Strategies to increase voter awareness re: the annual budget vote

- X. Review “To Do List” - Done
  
- XI. Setting the Next Agenda
  - a. 2015-16 School Calendar Approval
  - b. School Choice
  
- XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard M. Pike

**The minutes are in draft format and are unofficial until formally approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.**