

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
GARVIN LIBRARY  
February 4, 2015**

Present:

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

Administration: Richard Pike, Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, Lori Blood

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Consent Agenda
  - a. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Tom Page to approve the Board minutes of January 22, 2015. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
  - b. Orders were approved by committee
  - c. Administration Reports
    - i. Business Manager Lori Blood
      1. Shared update on cash accounts
      2. State will be coming in for a monitoring visit
        - a. Standard procedure every three years
    - ii. Supt. Richard Pike
      1. Agreed that it is helpful for Board members to submit questions ahead of time to the Policy committee and to have the policies in Word document ahead of time.
      2. Supt. Pike and Bruce Stevens will be attending a meeting at Rivendell on March 16<sup>th</sup>, along with other administrators, Board members, area Legislators, as well as Rebecca Holcomb, VT Secretary of Education, to discuss ways to collaborate on sharing of resources
      3. Discussion of Annual Meeting logistics
        - a. Agreed to have name cards for each Board member with the name of the town they represent
    - iii. Principal Emilie Knisley
      1. Shared two videos on Standards Based Grading and Proficiency Based Learning
- III. Action Items
  - a. School Choice
    - i. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Tom Page that we accept 10 students on school choice at any given time and allow 10 BMU students to attend other schools on school choice at any given time during the school year 2015-16. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
  - b. School Calendar

- i. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Brenda Powers to approve the '15-'16 school calendar as presented. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
- IV. Public Participation—None
- V. Correspondence—None
- VI. Report of Committees
  - a. Policy—(Brenda Powers)—Policies to be warned for next Board meeting
    - i. Policy 2454 Acceptable Use of Electronic Devices
    - ii. 2454 Pr Acceptable Use of Electronic Devices
    - iii. 4540 Pr Admission of Non-Resident Tuition Students
    - iv. Policy 4900 Prevention of Harassment of Students
    - v. 4900 Pr Prevention of Harassment of Students
    - vi. Policy 5130 Substitute Teachers
    - vii. 5130 Pr Substitute Teachers
    - viii. Policy 4905 Bullying Prevention
    - ix. 4905 Pr Bullying Prevention
  - b. Budget and Operations—(Lori Blood)
    - i. Encouraged any community members who have questions on the Budget to contact a Board member or member of the Administration
    - ii. Next newsletter will go out just before February break
      - 1. Will focus on student work and will include an insert on the Budget
- VII. Review “To Do List”
  - a. Superintendent Search
    - i. Several possible dates were discussed
      - 1. Board members were asked to hold open February 19<sup>th</sup>
- VIII. Setting the Next Agenda
  - a. Annual meeting details
- IX. Executive Session—Not needed

Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk