

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GARVIN LIBRARY
February 18, 2015**

Present:

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

Administration: Richard Pike, Emilie Knisley, Lori Blood

Members of the Public

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Approval of Minutes/Orders
 - a. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Brenda Powers to approve the Board minutes of February 4, 2015. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - b. Orders were approved by committee
- III. New Business
 - a. State Representative Chip Conquest
 - i. Explained work that the Legislature is doing on education reform and education funding reform
 1. Helped introduce a bill that would control education spending statewide over the next two years
 2. “Integrated Education System” and “Equitable” are terms we’re going to hear
 3. Elimination of small schools grants
 - a. Will not effect Blue Mountain
 4. Study for proposals for alternative ways to fund Special Education
 5. Proposal to prohibit strikes and instead require collective bargaining
 6. Section 17 of proposed House Bill
 - a. Integrated Education Systems to be provided to all students
 - b. Each Integrated Education System shall have an average daily membership of at least 1000 students
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Annual Meeting/Informational Meeting Details
 - i. Discussion with Moderator Brent Smith
- V. New Business
 - a. Brenda Powers recognized for completing her 13th year on the Board, since she is not running for re-election
 - i. Bruce Stevens categorized her with Dr. Rowe and Dorothy Stevens for her dedication, her passion, and her commitment to BMU

- ii. Brenda Powers thanked the administration and her fellow Board members, saying it was the toughest job she'd ever loved
 - iii. Bruce Stevens presented her with some beautiful flowers
- VI. Action Items
 - a. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Brenda Powers to adopt the following policies. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - i. Policy 2454 Acceptable Use of Electronic Devices
 - ii. Policy 4900 Prevention of Harassment of Students
 - iii. Policy 4905 Bullying Prevention
 - iv. Policy 5130 Substitute Teachers
 - b. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Brenda Powers to approve the following procedures. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - i. 2454 Pr Acceptable Use of Electronic Devices
 - ii. 4540 Pr Admission of Non-Resident Tuition Students
 - iii. 4900 Pr Prevention of Harassment of Students
 - iv. 5130 Pr Substitute Teachers
- VII. Administration Reports
 - a. Business Manager Lori Blood
 - i. Year-end projections shared
 - 1. Estimated \$119,000 surplus
 - b. Principal Emilie Knisley
 - i. Preparing for administration of SBAC
 - 1. Looking at plans for assessment system for next year
 - ii. PBL Update
 - c. Superintendent Richard Pike
 - i. Webinar on March 9th for New Board orientation
 - 1. Encouraged all Board members to take advantage of it
- VIII. Public Participation—None
- IX. Correspondence—None
- X. Report of Committees
 - a. Public Relations (Judy Murray)
 - i. Reviewed newsletter insert
 - ii. Reviewed plans for getting out the vote
- XI. Review “To Do List”
 - a. Board re-organization March 18th, and committee assignments April 1st
 - b. Action to be taken as result of Annual meeting
- XII. Executive Session
 - a. Motion by Brenda Powers, seconded by Tom Page to move into Executive Session at 8:23 PM, pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (1) labor relation agreements with employees. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - b. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Brenda Powers to exit Executive Session at 8:40 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- XIII. Action—None

Adjourned at 8:44 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk