

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

Present:

School Board members: Angeline Alley, Sara Dennis, Paul Hazel, Nicole Little,
Judy Murray, Julie Oliver, Tom Page, Josh Souliere, Bruce Stevens
Administration: Richard Pike, Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, Lori Blood
Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Consent Agenda
 - a. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Judy Murray to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 Board meeting. Motion voted and approved with the following correction: replace “Public Relations Committee” with “Community Relations Committee” under the Report of Committees section (Abstentions: Sara Dennis, Julie Oliver, and Josh Souliere)
 - b. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Angeline Alley to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2015 Board meeting. Motion voted on and approved with two abstentions (Sara Dennis and Josh Souliere)
 - c. Board Chair Bruce Stevens welcomed newly elected Board members Sara Dennis from Groton and Josh Souliere from Ryegate
 - i. Both newly elected Board members were sworn in by their respective Town Clerks following Town Meeting
 - d. Orders were approved by committee
 - e. Administration Reports
 - i. Principal Emilie Knisley, Supt. Richard Pike, and Business Manager Lori Blood each shared a written report
- III. Public Participation
 - a. State Representative Chip Conquest shared information on the status of education spending around the State and the conversation in the Legislature regarding this
 - i. Encouraged those present to make use of the State of VT House Committee on Education website to stay up to date
 - ii. Discussion of elements of Bill (H.361)
 1. Contains a proposal for a Temporary Cap on Local Spending Increases
 - iii. Board Members and Administrators asked questions and offered feedback and alternative suggestions
 - b. Bruce Stevens thanked Rep. Conquest for his time in helping to keep the Board informed
- IV. Old Business—None

- V. New Business
 - a. The Board expressed their sincere thanks to Ron Phillips for his twelve years of service on the School Board
- VI. Action Items—None
- VII. Correspondence
 - a. Letter from recently retired Board member Brenda Powers expressing her thanks for the beautiful flowers given to her at the last Board meeting and her appreciation for the good working relationships over the thirteen years of serving as a School Board member
- VIII. Report of Committees
 - a. Budget and Operations (Angeline Alley)
 - i. Felt that the budget informational materials, prepared by Emilie Knisley and Lori Blood, were clear and easy for the public to understand
- IX. Review “To Do List”—Done
- X. Setting the Next Agenda
 - a. New Board members were encouraged to look over committee assignments and express their interests
 - b. Building and Grounds Committee will meet on March 18th
 - c. Proposing of survey questions to disseminate to the public
- XI. Executive Session—None needed

Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy N. Perkins, Minutes Clerk

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