

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Garvin Library
March 18, 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

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Board Reorganization
 - a. Angeline Alley was nominated, seconded, and elected by consensus as Board Chair for the coming year
 - b. Bruce Stevens was nominated, seconded, and elected as Board Vice Chair for the coming year with one abstention (Bruce Stevens)
 - c. Tom Page was nominated, seconded, and elected as Board Secretary for the coming year with one abstention (Tom Page)
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Judy Murray to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 Board meeting. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - b. Orders were approved by committee
 - c. Administration Reports
 - i. Principal Emilie Knisley
 1. Announced plans in progress for ReNewbury on Friday, March 27th at BMU from 5:30-8:45 and a second meeting on Saturday, March 28 from 8:45-3:30 at Newbury Elementary School
 - a. Board members were invited to attend
 2. Robotics and Coding club will be making a presentation to the Board on April 15, 2015
 3. The YATST Group will be invited to make a presentation at an upcoming Board meeting
 4. River Bend will be dropping the Education and Human Services course and adding back in the Building Trades course for the upcoming school year
 5. Beginning hiring process for staff openings for next year
 - ii. Supt. Richard Pike
 1. Attended a very interesting meeting at Rivendell on March 9th with Sec. of Education Rebecca Holcomb in attendance

2. \$5,000 study grant available for districts to explore governance structures and opportunities
 3. Encouraged Board members to pay close attention to H-361, as well education bills which may be coming out of the Senate
 4. Orientation for new Board members will be planned
 5. VSBA School Board Training on March 31st at Lyndon Town Hall
 - a. Board members were encouraged to attend
- iii. Business Manager Lori Blood
1. Presented a written report
 - a. Clarifying questions were asked
- IV. Action Items—None
- V. Public Participation—None
- VI. Correspondence—None
- VII. Report of Committees
- a. Community Relations Committee (Judy Murray)
 - i. Sample survey questions were distributed covering:
 1. Demographics
 2. Communication with public
 3. VT School Governance
 - b. Buildings and Grounds (Bruce Stevens)
 - i. YATST group met with committee
 1. Would like to have artwork at entrance of art room to honor art teacher El Towle upon his retirement
 - ii. A graduating Senior met with the committee regarding her Senior Exit Project
- VIII. Review “To Do List”
- a. Robotics and Coding Club to meet with Board on April 15th
 - b. Committee Assignments
 - i. Several Board members expressed their preferences for committees
- IX. Setting the Next Agenda—Done
- X. Executive Session
- a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Nicole Little to move into Executive Session at 7:47 PM pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (1) contracts. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
 - b. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Nicole Little to exit Executive Session at 8:04 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- XI. Action—None taken

Adjourned at 8:05 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.