

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Garvin Library  
April 1, 2015**

Present:

Board Members: Angeline Alley, Chair; Sara Dennis; Paul Hazel; Nicole Little;  
Judy Murray; Julie Oliver; Bruce Stevens

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

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair
- II. Consent Agenda
  - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Julie Oliver to approve the Board minutes of March 18, 2015. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
  - b. Orders were approved by committee
  - c. Administration Reports
    - i. Business Manager Lori Blood
      1. Presented a written report
      2. Noted a few policies that will need revision as the year goes forward
    - ii. Principal Emilie Knisley
      1. Shared an e-mail that was sent to staff regarding Proficiency Based Learning and Standards that the State has put forth for each grade level
      2. Working on aligning these Standards with the curriculum which will be taught at BMU
        - a. A large project, and planning to implement in fall of 2016
      3. Looking at options to replace Power School
      4. J-Term
    - iii. Supt. Richard Pike
      1. H.361 passed second reading in House today
        - a. Delayed the spending cap for a year
        - b. Will reassess after next year's spending increase
      2. Discussed the legal requirement for minutes taken at Board committee meetings
      3. Shared Sec. Rebecca Holcomb's message to all schools regarding assessment
      4. Distributed updated draft of Board Committees, and a few adjustments were made
- III. Action Items
  - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Julie Oliver to adopt the list of Board Committees as proposed. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

- b. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Julie Oliver to apply for Agency of Education grant as proposed. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
  - c. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Nicole Little to sign the Superintendent's contract as proposed. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- IV. Public Participation—None
- V. Correspondence
  - a. Letter of resignation from Beth Austin-Shortt, effective March 31, 2015
- VI. Action Item
  - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Julie Oliver to accept the resignation of Beth Austin-Shortt. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- VII. Unfinished Business
  - a. Draft of survey as drawn up by Community Relations Committee
    - i. Suggestion to distribute a map showing which schools/towns are in each of our neighboring School Districts
    - ii. Suggested that survey be distributed after current Legislative Session is over
- VIII. New Business—None
- IX. Report of Committees—None
- X. Review "To Do List"—Done
- XI. Setting the Next Agenda
  - a. Presentation—Robotics and Coding Club—Janet Gay and John Munson
- XII. Executive Session
  - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Nicole Little to move into Executive Session at 7:56 PM pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (3) student records. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board were Richard Pike, Emilie Knisley, and Scott Blood
  - b. Motion by Nicole Little, seconded by Bruce Stevens to exit Executive Session at 8:48 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- XIII. Action
  - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Nicole Little to approve the allowable secondary tuition rate for Student A for the 2015-16 school year. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- XIV. Executive Session
  - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Nicole Little to move into Executive Session at 8:52 PM pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (3) student records. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
  - b. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Judy Murray to exit Executive Session at 9:10 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- XV. Action
  - a. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Bruce Stevens to authorize payment of a Drivers Ed course for Student B without precedence.
    - i. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Bruce Stevens to amend the motion to authorize payment deemed reasonably by administration

for Student B without precedence. Motion was approved unanimously. Amended motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk

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