

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Garvin Library  
April 15, 2015**

Present:

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

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair
- II. Consent Agenda
  - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Sara Dennis to approve the Board minutes of April 1, 2015. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
  - b. Orders were approved by committee
  - c. Presentation by the Robotics and Coding Club with Janet Gay, John Munson, and eight students
    - i. Shared video clips of coding on which the students have been working
    - ii. Shared a video of a recent robotics competition
    - iii. Demonstrated some of the robots they have built
  - d. Administrative Reports
    - i. Supt. Richard Pike
      1. All four Boards (Orange East, Haverhill Cooperative, Caledonia Central, and Rivendell) have voted to pursue the cooperative study grant
    - ii. Principal Emilie Knisley
      1. BMU will be moving forward with a J-Term pilot for two weeks next year
      2. Seniors leaving on Sunday for their Senior Trip to South Carolina
        - a. Discussed some of the history of a Senior Trip and issues to consider
    - iii. Business Manager Lori Blood
      1. Presented a printed Cash Accounts Report
      2. Working on getting a representative from the State to come and do a site visit and recommend changes for our school parking lot
      3. Working on contracts for the staff
- III. Action Items
  - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Julie Oliver to authorize the Chair to offer contracts to the Staff. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
  - b. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Sara Dennis to change the Board stipends and offer seven stipends of \$1000.00 and two stipends of \$1250.00. Motion voted on and carried 7 in favor and 2 opposed (Judy Murray and Paul Hazel)
- IV. Public Participation
  - a. Group of Seniors, with their class advisor, came to ask the Board's permission on several items regarding their Graduation
  - b. The Board will consider their requests and will give them their response
- V. Correspondence—None
- VI. Unfinished Business
  - a. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Tom Page to approve the Seniors' request to wear blue and white gowns for graduation for June '15 only. Motion voted on and carried 8 in favor and 1 opposed (Nicole Guida)

- b. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Judy Murray that, with the advice and consent of the Principal and Graduation coordinators, the Board allow the change in graduation exit music. Motion voted on and carried 8 in favor and 1 opposed (Nicole Guida)
- VII. New Business
  - a. Supt. Pike suggested that some graduating Seniors be invited to attend the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting and share their thoughts about BMU in an “exit interview”
- VIII. Report of Committees
  - a. Community Relations Committee (Judy Murray)
    - i. Described the draft survey, which is still a work in progress
    - ii. Discussed the possibility of bringing *The Hungry Heart* movie to the community
- IX. Action Item
  - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Tom Page to bring *The Hungry Heart* movie to the community on May 19<sup>th</sup> as a community service. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- X. Review “To Do List”—Done
  - a. High School Global Explorers Club—May 6<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Healthy snacks or something similar for Middle School
  - c. Look at possibility for doing an annual trip for a Middle School class to Cape Cod for an educational experience
- XI. Setting the Next Agenda—Done
- XII. Executive Session
  - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Julie Oliver to move into Executive Session at 8:37 PM pursuant to VSA Title 1, Sections 313 a. (1) contracts. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board was Richard Pike
  - b. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Julie Oliver to exit Executive Session at 8:45 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- XIII. Action—None

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 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.**