

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Garvin Library
May 6, 2015**

Present:

Board Members: Angeline Alley, Chair; Sara Dennis, Paul Hazel, Judy Murray,
Julie Oliver, Joshua 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 Judy Murray to approve the Board minutes of April 15, 2015. Minutes were corrected to remove Caledonia Central from the Boards listed in Section II, d, i, who have voted to pursue the cooperative study grant. Motion voted on and approved unanimously as corrected.
 - b. Orders were approved by committee
- III. Public Participation
 - a. A member of the Senior class shared her work on her Senior exit project, which, upon completion, will be placed near the school front entrance
 - b. Mackenzie Prash, advisor of the Global Explorers Club, described the trip to Costa Rica that she is planning with a group of students during the January, 2016 J-Term.
- IV. Action Item
 - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Paul Hazel that the Board approve the proposed trip by the Global Explorer's Club to Costa Rica in January, 2016. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - i. It was requested that the group return to make a presentation to Board when they return
 - ii. It was the Board's suggestion that the group select working at the orphanage as their service learning project while in Costa Rica
- V. Administrative Reports
 - a. Supt. Richard Pike
 - i. Bill regarding license reciprocity between states is moving forward in the VT State Legislature
 - a. Business Manager Lori Blood
 - i. Shared cash accounts report through the end of March and reported there is enough cash to get us to the end of the year
 - ii. Received reply about the parking lot which basically agrees with consultant from VSBIT
 - b. Principal Emilie Knisley
 - i. Shared letter that will be going out to parents regarding change in beginning of year schedule for Kindergarten students

1. Questions and discussion followed

- VI. Action Items
 - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Sara Dennis that the *Caledonian Record* be designated as the newspaper of record. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - b. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Judy Murray to set the first and third Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Garvin Library as the date and time of Board meetings for the new school year. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- VII. Correspondence
 - a. Thank you card from family of Forrest Shangraw for flowers and the lovely service held at the school
 - i. Will be shared with the B.U.C.K.S. group
 - b. E-mail from Dr. William Miles with questions for the Board
 - i. On June 17th meeting, he would like an outline of goals that the Board has for him
- VIII. Unfinished Business
 - a. Principal Emilie Knisley shared photos and information from a recent Leadership weekend several Middle School staff spent at Cape Cod Sea Camps
 - i. Hope to make this an annual field trip for 7th graders as a chance to push themselves outside their comfort zones, learn about marine science topics, and to build teamwork with their classmates
- IX. New Business—None
- X. Report of Committees
 - a. Policy-- (Paul Hazel)
 - i. A few web site questions were raised
 - ii. Met with two students who discussed possibilities used at other schools for Juniors and Seniors to get Physical Education credit.
 - b. Community Relations—(Judy Murray)
 - i. Discussed upcoming showing of *The Hungry Heart* film on May 19th at 6:00 PM
- XI. Review “To Do List”—Done
- XII. Setting the Next Agenda
 - a. More information on the survey
- XIII. Executive Session—None needed

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins,
Minutes Clerk

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