

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Garvin Library
May 20, 2015**

Present:

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

Administration: Richard Pike, Emilie Knisley, Lori Blood

- I. The meeting was 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 May 6, 2015. A correction was made to Section III. a. to read that a student's completed Senior Exit project, which she shared at the May 6th Board meeting, will be placed at the school's front entrance **upon the School Board's final approval.** Motion voted on and approved as corrected, with two abstentions (Nicole Guida and Tom Page)
 - b. Administrative Reports
 - i. Business Manager Lori Blood shared the General Fund Expense Projection for 2015
 1. Explained various line items and answered questions
 2. Some costs are being pulled together to address the Traffic flow issue
 - ii. Principal Emilie Knisley
 1. Shared report from VSAC showing data from 2012 on what BMU graduates are doing after high school
 2. Interviews are taking place for a full-time high school English teacher
 3. Have hired Shelby Knudson, Gr. 5-6 Literacy teacher, and Richard Hayward, Gr. 1 teacher
 4. Participated in a high school recruitment night at Concord High School, and had a visitation day yesterday, attended by several Concord students
 - a. Discussion of the feasibility of offering a transportation package
 - iii. Supt. Richard Pike
 1. Expanded Learning Opportunities grant will be chaired by Beth Cobb of OESU
 2. Will get an update on the final version of H. 361 at a future Board meeting
 3. Attended Reading Recovery graduation yesterday at LSC
 - a. Jaclyn Parrott was one of the graduates
 - b. All seven teachers in the training class were commended for having had perfect attendance at the classes for the entire training year
- III. Correspondence
 - a. Letter of resignation from Kayla Harvey
 - b. Letter from Anne Bergeron requesting a .5 position for the '15-'16 school year
- IV. Action Items

- a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Tom Page to accept the resignation of Kayla Harvey, with regret. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - b. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Judy Murray to approve placement of a student's Senior Exit project, viewed at the May 6th Board meeting, at the front entrance of the school. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- V. Unfinished Business
 - a. Survey
 - i. A Community survey draft was shared, which included some editing from previous drafts
- VI. Action Item
 - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Tom Page to approve the survey as presented. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- VII. Report of Committees
 - a. Community Relations (Paul Hazel)
 - i. Successful showing of the film *The Hungry Heart* on May 19th and the excellent panel discussion that followed
 - b. Policy (Paul Hazel)
 - i. Policy Committee met earlier tonight
- VIII. Review "To Do" List
 - a. Senior Exit interviews will be held on June 17th
 - b. Discussion of H. 361 on June 17th
 - c. Discussion of Tuition students on June 17th
- IX. Executive Session
 - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Judy Murray to move into Executive Session at 8:40 PM, pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (1) contracts. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board were Richard Pike, Emilie Knisley, and Lori Blood.
 - b. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Judy Murray to exit Executive Session at 9:53 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- X. Action
 - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Tom Page to approve Emilie Knisley's carry over of 5.5 vacation days, to be used by July 15, 2015. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - b. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Tom Page, to approve administrative contracts subject to the terms and conditions within the contracts. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 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.