

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GARVIN LIBRARY
July 22, 2015**

Present:

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

Administration: Dr. William Miles, Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, Lori Blood,
Todd Powers

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 Julie Oliver to approve Board minutes of June 17, 2015. Motion voted on and approved with two abstentions (Nicole Guida and Judy Murray)
 - b. Orders were approved by committee
 - c. Administration Reports
 - i. Supt. William Miles
 1. Asked for input on preferred format for his report
 - ii. Principal Emilie Knisley
 1. All open positions have been filled and hiring has come in under budget
 2. A few adjustments to the high school schedule based on student enrollment needs
 3. Continued to communicate with potential students from Concord, but busing will probably not be needed
 4. Professional Development
 - a. Several teachers taking training, sponsored by VT-NEA, on creating Learning Goals for students
 - b. Literacy Training for elementary teachers
 - iii. Business Manager Lori Blood
 1. Information sheets shared on insurance policies in which the school is enrolled
 2. Currently a surplus of \$226,000.00
- III. Public Participation
 - a. Act 46 Discussion
 - i. Supt. Miles reported being in conversation with SAU-23
 - ii. Shared financial incentives or penalties with examples of dollar impact on BMU School District
 - b. Preliminary Survey Results Discussion
 - i. 193 responses
 - ii. Breakdown of results of each question on the survey

- iii. Responses to open-ended questions on the survey shared and will be categorized by various Board members
- IV. Policy Readings—None
- V. Action Items/Personnel
 - a. MOA-Support Staff Recognition Clause
 - b. MOA—Support Staff Vacations and Holidays
 - i. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Nicole Guida to authorize the Chair to sign both MOA’s. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- VI. Correspondence
 - a. Letter of Resignation from Kris Mardin, a member of the Educational Support Staff
- VII. Action Item
 - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Sara Dennis to accept the resignation of Kris Mardin, with regret. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- VIII. Unfinished Business
 - a. Community Barbecue planned for August 24th
 - b. Board and Superintendent Goals
- IX. Action Items
 - a. Drop off/Pick up zones recommended by Building & Grounds committee
 - i. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Sara Dennis to do a trial period of the drop off-pick up zones, as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - b. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Bruce Stevens to authorize the Chair to sign the contract with Browns in the amount of \$19,438.80 for painting the lines and sealing the parking lot. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- X. Report of Committees
 - a. Buildings and Grounds—Bruce Stevens
 - i. Sealing and lining of the parking lot
 - ii. Security System still under discussion
 - iii. Carpet in library will be installed first week of August
- XI. Review “To Do List”
 - a. Set time and location for Board Retreat
 - i. Tentatively October 14th 5:00-9:00 PM at Wells River UCC Church
 - ii. Supt. Evaluation—Dec. 2nd
- XII. Setting the next Agenda—August 12th
 - a. Hazing, Harassment and Bullying Policy
 - b. Fundraising Policy
 - c. Volunteers Policy
 - d. Community Use of School Property Policy

XIII. Executive Session—None needed
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted
Nancy N. Perkins, Minutes Clerk