

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GARVIN LIBRARY
October 7, 2015**

Present:

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

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Lori Blood, Donna Waelter, Todd Powers

Members of the Public

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair
- II. Presentation on Act 46 by Wayne Gersen, OESU/BMU Act 46 Study Consultant (full Power Point presentation will be posted to the BMU website)
 - a. What is Act 46?
 - b. What could Act 46 mean for BMU?
 - c. What will the study entail?
 - d. What are BMU's options?
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Tom Page to approve the Board minutes of September 16, 2015. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Julie Oliver)
 - b. Orders were approved by committee
 - c. Administrative Reports
 - i. Business Manager Lori Blood
 1. Auditors are promising the draft report to be available in November
 2. Fourteen staff position changes for the '15-'16 school year, which have resulted in some savings
 3. First payment has been received from the State of Education, a second will arrive in December, and a third in April
 - ii. Special Services Director Donna Waelter
 1. The Special Education team meets together once each month
 2. Medicaid Training has taken place, which was very informative
 3. Special Education Student numbers are down
 - a. Currently 77 students are in Special Education, which is 19% of our school population
 - b. Some with intensive needs
 - iii. Supt. Emilie Knisley
 1. The Board Committee Meeting Schedule has been put together
 2. Request for snow removal proposals have been put in the paper

3. Have been doing some training around “walk-throughs”, a form of staff supervision and coaching
 4. Grade 7 is having a wonderful time at their Sea Camp experience on Cape Cod
 5. Matthew Forrest, Supt. of Caledonia Central, has approached Supt. Knisley asking for a discussion of possible merger opportunities under Act 46
 6. Act 46
 - a. Does BMU want to form its own Study Group?
 - iv. Reports submitted from Principal Scott Blood, Guidance Director Kimberly French, Buildings and Grounds Director Daryl Sulham, Food Service Director Dena Baker, Technology System Administrator Todd Powers, and Athletic Director Todd Powers
- IV. Public Participation
- a. Questions regarding change in Superintendents
- V. Report of Committees
- a. Community Relations (Judy Murray)
 - i. Calendar with upcoming dates will be coming out
 - ii. As more information comes out about Act 46, they will get it out to public
 - b. Buildings and Grounds (Angeline Alley)
 - i. Traffic signage is here and is being put up
 - ii. Two proposals have been received so far for snow removal
 - iii. First delivery of wood chips has arrived
- VI. Action Items
- a. Angeline Alley volunteered to be the delegate from the BMU Board to the OESU/BMU Study Committee, and Josh Souliere volunteered to be the alternate
 - b. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Nicole Guida to adopt Policy 4905 Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying of Students. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - c. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Tom Page to approve Procedure 4905 Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying of Students. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - d. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Tom Page to adopt Policy 2051 High School Graduation. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - e. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Judy Murray to apply for a grant so BMU can form their own study committee. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- VII. Correspondence—None
- VIII. Old Business
- a. Board Retreat will be held Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at UCC Church in Wells River, starting at 5:00 PM
 - i. Spend time talking about Act 46
 - ii. What are we hoping to gain for our students in trying to comply with this law?

- iii. Education Quality Standards and the requirements of School Boards
 - iv. Establish goals for the year
 - b. Thanks was expressed to Jennifer Dube for the pieces of student art work on display at the chicken pie supper in Groton
- IX. Executive Session—None needed
- X. Review “To Do List”
 - a. Pre Board meeting October 13, 2015 at 12:15 PM
 - b. J-Term plans are being worked on
 - c. Sea Camp report first meeting in November
 - d. ELL report in Dec.
 - e. Will continue to have Act 46 update meetings but separate from regular Board meetings
 - i. Student representation on the Board
 - ii. Use YATST group to get student input on Act 46 process
 - f. Open up discussion with Danville regarding Act 46
- XI. Setting the Next Agenda
 - a. Quarter One Financial Update FY ‘16
 - b. IDEA-B Presentation

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 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.