

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
GARVIN LIBRARY  
October 21, 2015**

Present:

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

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, Donna Waelter, Lori Blood  
Members of the Public

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair
- II. Presentation on Assessment Results: State and Local by Emilie Knisley and Allyson Coburn
  - a. Discussion of Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 POA results
    - i. Given September, December, and May
    - ii. Most students in VT doing this same assessment
    - iii. Discussion of ways to help lessen regression over the summer
- III. Presentation on the IDEA-B Grant by Donna Waelter
  - a. Funding stream from the Federal government for Special Education—helps pay for:
    - i. Co-teaching training this year
      1. Regular education teacher and special education teacher working together to address needs of all students
    - ii. Consultants working with students with hearing impairments, students with challenging behaviors, Proficiency based learning standards for special education students
    - iii. Technology
      1. I-Pads, Laptops, Brightlink, and various software
- IV. Review of Educational Quality Standards: Standards 2113 and 2114
  - a. Federal and State Requirements need to be followed
  - b. Definitions of various terms
- V. Consent Agenda
  - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Josh Souliere to approve the Board minutes of October 7, 2015 and October 14, 2015. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Sara Dennis abstained from the Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> minutes)
  - b. Administrative Reports
    - i. Principal Scott Blood
      1. Staff received training on the restorative justice model of student discipline
      2. Laurie Mele spoke to 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders on school climate through eyes of asperger's syndrome and high functioning autism
      3. School evacuation and bus evacuation yesterday
        - a. Overall went well

4. Will be putting more time into training student athletes on appropriate conduct and expectations
    - a. Grades 7-12, starting with basketball season
    - b. Also putting together coaches' handbook
  - ii. Business Manager Lori Blood
    1. Went over Expense Summary thus far into the school year
    2. Two snow plow bids were received
      - a. Recommended that we go with Affordable Property Services from Woodsville, based on cost
        - i. Reference check was favorable
    3. Bids are being solicited for Auditing Services
  - iii. Supt. Emilie Knisley
    1. Continue to be in conversation with OESU
    2. Applied for our own Study Grant
    3. Starting to look at implications of spending cap
    4. In-service on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> with a variety of trainings
    5. Educational Quality Review Visiting team coming to BMU January 13, 2015
    6. Attended meeting about changes coming in Health Care
    7. UVM Teacher of the year presentation tomorrow night for Robin Martineau
  - c. Orders were approved by committee
- VI. Public Participation—Nothing in addition to presentations noted above
- VII. Report of Committees
- a. Policy Committee (Paul Hazel)
    - i. Met with three staff members, looked at ELL policy, and talked of some revisions
    - ii. Other policies to be looked at in coming meetings:
      1. Policy 2450 Garvin Library
      2. Policy 2451 Library Material Selection
      3. 2451 Pr Library Material Selection
      4. Policy 2452 Challenge to Library Materials
      5. Policy 2430 Health Services
      6. Policy 4300 Behavior Management
      7. Policy 6311 Fiscal Management
- VIII. Action Items—None
- IX. Correspondence—None
- X. Old Business—None
- XI. Executive Session—None
- XII. Review “To Do List”—Done
- a. Robert St. Pierre will be here November 4<sup>th</sup>
  - b. SBAC Results at 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Nov.
  - c. Chip Conquest updating Board on Legislative matters on November 18<sup>th</sup> or December 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - d. Budget Process
  - e. Safety Issues with front doors

- f. Training on Naviance
  - g. Presentation in spring on co-teaching
  - h. Presentation in spring on assessments
- XIII. Setting the Next Agenda—Done

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 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.**