

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
GARVIN LIBRARY  
November 4, 2015**

Present:

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

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, Lori Blood, Dena Baker

Members of the Public

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair
- II. Presentation on Cape Cod Sea Camps: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Faculty
  - a. Sharing of their recent trip and the many learning opportunities
    - i. The faculty said the students exceeded their expectations, both behaviorally and as learners
- III. Presentation on River Bend Career and Technical Center Programs: Robert St. Pierre, Director
  - a. Differentiated certificates—gold and silver
    - i. Gold—are college ready
  - b. Dual enrollment—college credits can be earned
  - c. Apprenticeship and certificate programs
  - d. Reviewed enrollment trends
- IV. Review of Educational Quality Standards: Standards 2120.1, 2120.2, and 2120.3
  - a. Curriculum and Instruction
    - i. Instructional Practices
    - ii. Flexible Pathways
    - iii. Career and Technical Education
- V. Consent Agenda
  - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Julie Oliver to accept the Board minutes of October 21, 2015. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
  - b. Orders were approved by committee
  - c. Administrative Reports
    - i. Principal Scott Blood
      1. Supervision of students
        - a. Legal obligations
        - b. Waiting for after-school activities
      2. Curriculum Consultant John Barone working on writing curriculum for us
        - a. Working with teacher leaders
      3. “Eyes and ears on” supervision
      4. Fire Safety Day
      5. High School and Middle School PBIS Celebrations

- 6. Observed a Reading Recovery lesson
- ii. Business Manager Lori Blood
  - 1. Annual reports to complete for State
  - 2. Budget process beginning
  - 3. Audit RFP's out (for 3 years)
  - 4. Preparing for Food Service audit in February
  - 5. No borrowed money at this point in time
- iii. Supt. Emilie Knisley
  - 1. Legislature has been asked to repeal spending cap
  - 2. Initial budget presentation first meeting in December
  - 3. Members of community have been invited to participate in budget process
  - 4. Have had meetings with staff, looking at big picture visions for our high school
- VI. Public Participation—None
- VII. Report of Committees
  - a. Food Service (Angeline Alley)
    - i. Equipment needs
      - 1. Convection oven
      - 2. Warming rack
      - 3. Three-bay sink, and plumbing needed for that
    - ii. Nutritional analysis software needed
    - iii. Leak in the boiler, so paper plates will be used tomorrow
  - b. Community Relations (Judy Murray)
    - i. Board insert has been sent to Tracy Puffer for newsletter
    - ii. Literacy Night in March will include ways to encourage parents to read to their children
    - iii. Suggestion to write a letter to send to each taxpayer, sharing info that is public about the change in Superintendents, the severance package, and the plan going forward
- VIII. Action Items
  - a. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Paul Hazel to grant a student's request to remain at BMU for his/her Senior year. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
  - b. Motion by Nicole Guida, seconded by Sara Dennis to approve \$1000 to purchase Nutritional Analysis software for Dena Baker, Food Service Director. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
  - c. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Julie Oliver to accept the request for retirement from teacher Linda Gooden, with regret, effective at the end of the school year. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- IX. Correspondence
  - a. Letter reporting favorable fingerprint test results for Supt. Knisley, enabling her to legally serve as a Supt. in VT

- b. Request from a student to complete his/her Senior year at BMU
- c. Letter of request for retirement at the end of this school year from teacher Linda Gooden
- X. Old Business
  - a. Discussed coordinating more with nearby schools, sharing teachers, and perhaps using Skype
- XI. Executive Session—None needed
- XII. Review “To Do List”—Done
  - a. Introduced Kayle Christy, student rep to the Board
- XIII. Setting the Next Agenda
  - a. Committee meetings scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Policy
    - ii. Budget

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 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.**