

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GARVIN LIBRARY
November 18, 2015**

Present:

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

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

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Vice Chair
 - a. Letter of resignation from the School Board received from Angeline Alley
- II. Board Reorganization
 - a. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Nicole Guida to elect Bruce Stevens to serve as Board Chair, until Board Reorganization in March, which will follow Town Meeting Day and Wells River Village Meeting. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Bruce Stevens)
 - b. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Sara Dennis to elect Paul Hazel to serve as Vice Chair until Board Reorganization in March. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Paul Hazel)
- III. Presentation on SBAC and Local Data
 - a. Overview of SBAC Data
 - i. Supt. Knisley shared results of Language Arts and Math, focusing on BMU scores and also comparing BMU results with statewide scores
 - ii. Spoke of the importance of the curriculum work that John Barone is doing this year
- IV. Review of Educational Quality Standards: Standards 2120.4, 2120.5, and 2120.6
 - a. 2120.4 Personalized Learning Plans
 - b. 2120.5 Curriculum Content
 - c. 2120.6 Curriculum Coordination
 - i. Board's responsibility to see that this happens
- V. Consent Agenda
 - a. Administration Reports
 - i. Special Services Donna Waelter
 1. Child count for Special Ed due December 15th
 2. Met all requirements for IEP's
 - a. Discussion on reasons for an occasional missed triennial evaluation deadline
 3. Co-teaching model is going well
 4. It was suggested that students write an article on co-teaching for their next newsletter
 - ii. Principal Scott Blood
 1. Attended Rowland Conference on October 28th

- a. Build on students' strengths and preparing young adults for global entrepreneurship
 - b. Commended our YATST students for their leadership and speaking in front of a large audience
 - 2. Walk-through evaluations
 - 3. Meetings with coaches at all levels on revised Coaches' handbook
 - 4. Elliot Hopkins spoke to winter athletes, coaches, and many parents on hazing prevention
 - 5. Met with Principals and Superintendents at Riverbend to work together to align a schedule
 - iii. Business Manager Lori Blood
 - 1. Budget work
 - a. Draft budget will be ready for December 2nd
 - b. Looking at 2017 and 2018, taking the cap into consideration
 - i. Suggestion to have explanation for the taxpayers regarding what savings accounted for the surplus
 - b. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Sara Dennis to approve the Board minutes of November 4, 2015. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - c. Orders were approved by committee
- VI. Public Participation
 - a. Wade Parker expressed an interest and a willingness to be appointed by the Ryegate Select Board to fill the vacant position on the Board until Town Meeting
- VII. Report of Committees
 - a. Budget (Lori Blood)
 - i. Discussed cap and per pupil spending
 - ii. Threshold of 1.35% increase
 - b. Policy (Paul Hazel)
 - i. Conversation around work done previously
- VIII. Action Items—None
 - a. By assent, the Board directed the Chair to check into Ron Phillips' interest in being appointed to fill the vacant position on the Board until Town Meeting
 - i. They will write a letter to the Ryegate Select Board letting them know of Wade Parker's interest, as well as the result of the conversation with Ron Phillips
- IX. Correspondence—None
- X. Old Business
 - a. Act 46 Committee Report
 - i. Supt. Knisley attended a meeting of OESU/BMU Study Committee

- ii. Meet again on December 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM at BMU for final meeting of Study Committee
 - 1. This meeting will be advertized, and the public will be encouraged to attend
 - iii. Interest on part of Newbury, Bradford, and Oxbow to form partnership with BMU
 - iv. Danville has not been open to having a conversation with BMU
 - XI. Executive Session
 - a. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Josh Souliere to move into Executive Session at 9:08 PM pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (1) labor relation agreements with employees. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board were Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, and Lori Blood.
 - b. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Paul Hazel to exit Executive Session at 9:34 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - XII. Action
 - a. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Josh Souliere to approve a 1.5% increase in salary for Food Services Director Dena Baker, retroactive to July 1st, as recommended by the administration. Motion voted on and approved 6-1 (Nicole Guida opposed)
 - XIII. Review "To Do List"
 - a. J-Term update moved to January
 - XIV. Setting the Next Agenda
 - a. Committees scheduled to meet December 2nd—Curriculum, Buildings and Grounds

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 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.