

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GARVIN LIBRARY
December 2, 2015**

Present:

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

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, Lori Blood

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Local Legislative Updates—Chip Conquest
 - a. Invited input from the Board regarding Act 46
 - b. Explained some logistics of consolidation
 - c. Discussion of the impact of the Act 46 Cap
 - d. Concerns of districts consolidating around socio-economic level
- III. Executive Session
 - a. Motion by Josh Souliere, seconded by Sara Dennis to move into Executive Session at 7:30 PM pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (7) student discipline. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board were Emilie Knisley and Scott Blood.
 - b. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Julie Oliver to exit Executive Session at 8:35 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- IV. Action
 - a. Motion by Josh Souliere, seconded by Judy Murray to support the recommendation by administration as outlined in Executive Session for Student A. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- V. Budget Overview for FY 17 and the Act 46 Cap
 - a. The Supt. and Business Manager feel it is feasible for us to meet the cap
 - b. How do we stay below 1.35% increase (cap of \$15,778 per pupil)?
 - c. Items driving costs:
 - i. Building projects
 - ii. Negotiated increases
 - iii. Health care
 - iv. Tuition students
 - v. Pupil counts
 - vi. Kitchen equipment
 - d. Staffing
 - i. Retirements
 - ii. Curriculum coordination?
 - iii. SPED shift from para-professional to teacher
 - iv. Superintendent
 - e. Business Manager Lori Blood
 - i. Shared General Fund Final Expense Variance FY 2015
 1. Explanation of why we have a surplus
- VI. Consent Agenda

- a. Wade Parker was welcomed to the Board, to fill out the unexpired term until Town Meeting
 - i. He will not serve on the Negotiations Committee
- b. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Sara Dennis to approve the Board minutes of November 18, 2015. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- c. Orders were approved by committee
- d. Administration Reports
 - i. Supt. Emilie Knisley
 - 1. Kiln in art room has broken. Supt. Knisley is recommending that a new one be purchased from the contingency fund

VII. Action

- a. Motion by Sara Dennis, seconded by Julie Oliver to authorize an expenditure, not to exceed \$2,000.00, to be taken from the contingency fund to purchase a new kiln. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- b. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Paul Hazel to adopt the following policies. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - i. Policy 2340 Child Nutrition Act Wellness
 - ii. Policy 2450 Garvin Library
 - iii. Policy 2451 Library Material Selection
 - iv. Policy 2452 Challenge to Library Materials
 - v. Policy 2461 Consolidated Federal Programs
 - vi. Policy 2700 LAU English Language Learner Program
- c. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Sara Dennis to approve the following procedures. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - i. 2340 Pr Child Nutrition Act Wellness
 - ii. 2451 Pr Library Material Selection
 - iii. 2461 Pr Consolidated Federal Programs
 - iv. 2700 Pr LAU English Language Learner Program

VIII. Public Participation—Covered Under Local Legislative Updates

IX. Report of Committees

- a. Building and Grounds (Julie Oliver)
 - i. Considering gym lights
 - ii. Hoping for feedback on traffic flow
- b. Curriculum (Josh Souliere)
 - i. Work of John Barone developing K-12 curriculum in core subjects with completion date of June 2016
 - ii. Aligning local assessments
 - iii. Alignment with Educational Quality Standards
 - iv. Textbook inventory
 - v. Professional Learning Communities
 - vi. J-Term

X. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Nancy Perkins stating her intention to retire at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

- i. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Josh Souliere to accept her resignation with regret. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - b. Letter from Patricia Randall stating her intention to retire at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
 - i. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Josh Souliere to accept her resignation with regret. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- XI. Old Business—None
- XII. Review “To Do List”—Done
- XIII. Setting the Next Agenda
 - a. Next Board meeting January 6, 2016
 - b. Committees meeting on January 6, 2016 will be Budget and Community Relations
 - c. Budget Work

Adjourned at 9:30 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.