

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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January 4, 2017

Present:

Board Members: Brent Abare, Sara Dennis, Paul Hazel, Judy Murray, Julie Oliver, Wade Parker, Kelsey Root, Josh Souliere, Bruce Stevens, Chair

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, Lori Blood

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Budget for FY '18: updates to figures and trends
 - A. Supt. Knisley shared copies of the BMU School Report
 1. The Board extended its thanks to Emilie Knisley and John Barone for the excellence of the report
 - B. Recommending slight increase in tuition in proposed budget
 - C. Lori Blood shared several small adjustments in both revenue and expense
- III. Public Participation—None
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Motion by Josh Souliere, seconded by Kelsey Root to approve the Board minutes of December 21, 2016. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Sara Dennis)
 - B. Orders were approved by committee
 - C. Administrative Reports
 1. Principal Scott Blood
 - a. J-Term Celebration of Learning on Thursday January 12, 2017, starting at 5:00 PM
 - i. Assessment component of J-Term
 - ii. Colleges coming to set up to share information with students
 - iii. Presentations will be set up all around the building
 - b. Expect a large turnout from the community
 - c. High school students will share with elementary students on Friday morning
 2. Business Manager Lori Blood
 - a. Recommended Announced Tuition rate of \$12,200 for Elementary and \$15,300 for Middle and Secondary
 - i. Just under state average
- V. Executive Session
 - A. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Julie Oliver to enter Executive Session at 7:25 PM pursuant to VSA Title I, Section 313 a. (1) contract negotiations. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
- VI.
 - B. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Brent Abare to exit Executive Session at 8:10 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

- VII. Action--None
- VIII. Report of Committees
 - A. Act 46 (Brent Abare)
 - 1. Representatives from Danville/Caledonia Central will be here for special Board meeting on January 17, 2017
 - 2. Plan will be presented at regular BMU Board meeting on January 18, 2017, to share with Bradford and Oxbow on January 24, 2017
 - 3. Supt. Knisley has been invited to meet next week with the Senate Education Committee, along with other Superintendents from our region
 - B. Buildings and Grounds (Bruce Stevens)
 - 1. One group from J-Term is planning to redecorate the staff room
 - 2. The greenhouse is on hold for this budget year, with the exception of minor repairs
- IX. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Josh Souliere, seconded by Sara Dennis to set tuition rate for FY '18 at \$12,200 for Elementary and \$15,300 for Middle School and Secondary. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Paul Hazel to adopt Policy 6325 (Federal Grants) and approve Procedure 6325 (Federal Grants). Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - C. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Kelsey Root to adopt a budget of \$8,404,844 for FY '18, reflecting an increase of 2.6 %, with a per pupil spending of \$16,184.01. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- X. Correspondence—None
- XI. Old Business—None
- XII. Review “To Do List”
 - A. No special Board meeting needed on January 11, 2017
 - B. Special meeting on January 17, 2017 with Caledonia Central Supt. Mat Forrest and member of Danville School Board at 7:30 PM
 - C. Regular BMU Board meeting on January 18, 2017
 - 1. Newbury Board members will be present
 - 2. Policy Committee at 6:00 PM
 - 3. Pre-Board Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 8:00 PM
- XIII. Setting the Next Agenda
 - A. January 18, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 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.