

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT

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January 17, 2017

Board Members Present: Brent Abare, Paul Hazel, Judy Murray, Julie Oliver, Kelsey Root, Josh Souliere, Bruce Stevens

Newbury Board: Jana Cookman, Danielle Corti, Paul Jewett

Danville/Caledonia Central: Mat Forrest, Sandy Hauserman

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Lori Blood

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
 - A. Introductions were made, and all were welcomed
- II. Discussion of possible side-by-side with Danville
- III. Sandy Hauserman gave an overview of the International Baccalaureate Program
 - A. Encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners
 - B. Whole idea is to dig deep into a few subjects
 - C. Inquiry approach
 - D. Strong research component
 - E. Teachers are facilitators
 - F. Theory of Knowledge class currently being taught at Danville and is very well received
 - G. Explained the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program curriculum
 - H. Danville has a potential relationship with St. J Academy by virtue of being able to offer the International Baccalaureate Program
 - I. Statistics show that students who have completed an IB program are more successful at college and have higher completion rate
 - J. Importance of collaboration and sharing of resources between schools
 - K. Timeline is the challenge
- IV. Tomorrow (January 18, 2017) is the regular BMU Board meeting
 - A. Newbury Board members are invited to attend

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk

The minutes are in draft format and are unofficial until formally approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.