

BLUE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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January 18, 2017

Present:

BMU Board Members: Brent Abare, Paul Hazel, Judy Murray, Julie Oliver, Wade Parker, Kelsey Root, Bruce Stevens

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Lori Blood

Newbury Board Members: Jana Cookman, Danielle Corti, Paul Jewett

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
 - A. Members of the Newbury School Board were welcomed
- II. Act 46 Discussion with Newbury School Board
 - A. Danville has invited a delegation from the BMU Board to attend an upcoming Board meeting to discuss possibility of a side-by-side
 - B. Brent Abare presented a concept of a merger between BMU and OESU
 1. Maintains presence of education structures in member communities
 2. Flexibility: Potential for incorporation of school choice districts
 3. No change to current Elementary Districts' footprint
 4. No facilities closed
 5. Opportunities for overflow and cross-leveling across three campuses
 6. Discussion of possible savings
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Brent Abare to approve the Board minutes of January, 4, 2017. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Orders were approved by committee
 - C. Administrative Reports
 1. Business Manager Lori Blood
 - a. She reported that she is working on end of year reports
 2. Supt. Emilie Knisley
 - a. She has been talking about Act 46 with various parties
 3. Principal Scott Blood
 - a. Has been doing follow-up on J-Term with high school faculty

- b. Board members shared lots of positive feedback
- IV. Public Participation—Occurred during Act 46 discussion
- V. Report of Committees
 - A. Act 46 (Brent Abare)—discussed earlier
 - B. Negotiations (Bruce Stevens)—continuing to meet
- VI. Action Items
 - A. Transportation Bids
 - 1. SAU 23 will be reaching out to BMU so a decision can be made together
 - 2. New buses are the driving factor in the increase
- VII. Correspondence—None
- VIII. Old Business—Covered earlier
- IX. Executive Session—None needed
- X. Review “To Do List”
 - A. Pre-Board scheduled for Friday morning, January 27, 2017 at 8:00 AM
- XI. Setting the Next Agenda
 - A. Act 46
 - B. Buses

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 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.