

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**BMU GARVIN LIBRARY**

**February 15, 2018**

Present:

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

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, Lori Blood

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. River Bend Programming Update
  - A. Bob St. Pierre, RBCTC Director, passed out their latest brochure
  - B. BMU entire tenth grade class visited River Bend recently
    1. Mr. St. Pierre followed up with phone calls inviting students and their families to apply on line for a program
    2. River Bend is getting about 20% student enrollment from each of their sending schools
  - C. Suggested consideration of a satellite program from RBCTC on the BMU campus
    1. Would save on transportation
    2. Creative way of using staff
    3. Increase viability as a small school
    4. Bring work partners on campus
    5. Work-based learning component
    6. Flexible Pathways
    7. Share Work-based Coordinator
    8. Dual enrollment
- III. Consent Agenda
  - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Judy Murray to approve the Board minutes from January 3, 2018. Motion voted on and carried with one opposed (Brent Abare) and one abstention (Sara Dennis)
  - B. Orders will be approved by committee
  - C. Administrative Reports
    1. Business Manager Lori Blood

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20-year agreement

A. Solar Agreement with Groton Timberworks Solar—when the year agreement expires, there is an option for a

i. Agreement seems to have worked well thus far

ii. If BMU has a name change of any kind during the 20-year period, BMU has the option of designating another entity name to receive the credits

B. An individual has contacted Dena Baker about “Food for Kids” to help students who have overdue lunch bills

C. Shared cash balance spreadsheet

## 2. Principal Scott Blood

A. He, along with math teachers in Gr. 3-6, have had Professional Development in multiplicative reasoning through OGAP

B. Hope to send K-2 teachers and high school teachers for similar training at their levels

C. Interviewing Assistant Principal candidates

and D. Have posted for four teachers who are retiring, along with ELL Health

and will E. Are doing a “Staff Read” on narrowing the Achievement Gap be doing follow-up work

F. A small group is working on improving equity issues outside the regular school day

## 3. Supt. Emilie Knisley

positions A. Working on putting together hiring committees for all open

draft B. Working on the playground project, getting quotes, looking at plans

streamlined way C. Working with other districts to put together a more to address truancy

## IV. Public Participation

A. Bob Blodgett, Yearbook Advisor, asked if the Board would like to buy an ad in the Yearbook, congratulating the Class of 2018

1. This will be warned as an Action Item for the next Board meeting

## V. Report of Committees

A. Policy (Paul Hazel)

1. No new policies to recommend, as more discussion is needed

VI. Action Items

A. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Judy Murray to approve funding of Journalism class equipment, not to exceed \$24,000 and to take that amount from contingency funds. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

B. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Paul Hazel to approve extension of the solar agreement until June 16, 2038. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

VII. Correspondence

A. Letter received from Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcomb, authorizing Blue Mountain Union School District to continue with an interim Superintendent through June, 2019

B. Two items of correspondence from Brent Abare

1. Mr. Abare asked for an apology from the Chair regarding a past conversation, and it was given

2. Discussion of original Charter of the School and representation on the Board

3. The Board will seek legal advice

VIII. Executive Session

A. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Paul Hazel to move into Executive Session at 9:03 PM, pursuant to VSA Sec. 313 (a) (1), Contracts. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

B. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Paul Hazel to exit Executive Session at 9:11 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

IX. Action—None

X. Old Business--None

XI. Review “To Do List”--Done

XII. Setting the Next Agenda

XIII. A. Pre-Board will meet Monday February 26, 2018 at 8:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk

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