

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

GARVIN LIBRARY

February 27, 2019

Present:

Board Members: Angeline Alley, Chair; Paul Hazel; Judy Murray; Julie Oliver; Wade Parker; Kelsey Root-Winchester; Bruce Stevens

Administration: Dr. John Barone, Scott Blood, Kimberly French, Lori Blood

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair
- II. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Paul Hazel to approve the Board minutes of January 16, 2019. Minutes were corrected to remove the bullet: "This budget number is less than FY19, but this is because the assessment (fee) for OESU services of \$452,932 is not included in this number". Motion voted on and approved unanimously as corrected
- III. International Trip (Kimberly French, John Barone)
 - A. Three different countries, for 9 days in February, 2020
 - B. Dr. Barone, Beth Fraser, and Kimberly French will be chaperones
 - C. Visiting Madrid, Paris, and Rome
 - D. Using Education First Educational Tours
 1. Safety Priorities
 2. Possibilities for some kind of academic credit associated with the trip
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Committee Relations Committee (Paul Hazel)
 1. For subcommittee meetings, they were advised to add Public Participation to the agenda
 - A. Any members of the public may attend the subcommittee meetings but may only speak at that time on the agenda (*see attached e-mail from Sue Ceglowski, Director of Legal & Policy Services, VSBA)
 2. Post cards were prepared to be sent out regarding the school budget vote
 3. Letters to the editor will be in the *Bridge Weekly* and the *JO* and will be posted on Social Media
 - C. OESU Policy Committee (Judy Murray)
 1. Met yesterday and reviewed three policies

2. Oxbow, BMU, and Thetford will meet so all three schools will be working under the same policies

3. Will meet next on March 14th

4. All numbering for policies will be consistent for all schools in the OESU

V. OESU Update

A. Went over the budget again and would like a little more detail

B. Discussed transportation contract

C. Recommend that BMU be kept out of the transportation contract for the time being

D. Moving from Alma to Infinite Campus

E. Looking for new space for administrative offices

VI. Principal Presentation—test score follow-up

A. Scott Blood led the Board members through multiplication examples and multiple strategies that can be used to solve them

1. Board members suggested a Parent Night to help parents understand math strategies as they are being taught in classes today

B. We're now starting to look at students' individual growth

C. Dr. Barone and Mr. Blood shared Local Assessment Results (STAR Reading and STAR Math), comparing results from Fall and Winter

1. Excellent results in general

2. Shared examples of Student Diagnostic Reports

D. The Board was thanked for its commitment to curriculum and instruction

VII. Correspondence

A. E-mail from Brent Abare asking what is spent on athletics (coaching contracts, etc.) (*attached to these minutes)

B. E-mails from Steve Peck and from parent Andrea Dennis sharing their views on the value of athletics *(both these e-mails will be on the website as an addendum to these minutes)

VIII. Public Participation—Member of the public noted that she is glad to be able to attend the meeting

IX. Action Items

A. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Paul Hazel to approve the MOA for Bereavement Leave. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

B. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Judy Murray to approve the International Trip for February 2020. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

C. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Kelsey Root-Winchester to accept a cap of 10 students in grades 8-12 to come in to BMU on school choice for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

D. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Paul Hazel to allow a maximum of 10 students in Grades 8-12 out of BMU on school choice for 2019-2020. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

D. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Judy Murray to hire VSBA for assistance in writing model policies at a cost of \$1000. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

X. Executive Session 313 a. Personnel

A. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Bruce Stevens to move into Executive Session at 8:29 PM pursuant to 313 a. Personnel. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

B. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Bruce Stevens to exit Executive Session at 8:42 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

XI. Action Item

A. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Paul Hazel to approve the 2017-2018 Audit. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

XII. Other Business

A. The State Board of Education will be having its meeting here at BMU March 20th from 9:00-4:00. They will be discussing PBGR (Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements).

B. There were questions from a Board member regarding the Special Education Director's Report. These questions will be asked of the OESU. The report says there will be transition to a different SU model next year. There was a question as to what that would look like. Alison Kidder will be Special Ed Director next year for the whole OESU.

XIII. Thanks was extended to Bruce Stevens as he steps down from the Board after serving 28 years. Several Board members and administrators gave their words of congratulations and thanks for all he has done for the School, for the Board, and for mentoring them personally as Board members.

XIV. Setting the next Agenda

A. The next Board meeting will be March 6th. Because the Wells River Village meeting is March 19th, the Board will not reorganize until after that

B. It is expected that the BMU Board will plan to have just one meeting a month in the year ahead

C. Set meeting time

D. Budget

E. The next OESU meeting is scheduled for March 19th

XV. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 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.