

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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March 1, 2017

Present:

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

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, Donna Waelter, Lori Blood

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Executive Session
 - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Josh Souliere to enter Executive Session at 7:25 PM pursuant to VSA Title I, Section 313 a. (2) real estate. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board were Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, Donna Waelter, and Lori Blood
 - B. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Wade Parker to exit Executive Session at 7:30 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- III. Action--None
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Judy Murray to approve the Board minutes of February 1, 2017. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Josh Souliere)
 - B. Orders were approved by committee
 - C. Administrative Reports
 1. Special Services Director Donna Waelter
 - a. Received compliance report from State Department of Education, and BMU was in complete compliance regarding State Performance Plan.
 2. Business Manager Lori Blood
 - a. Met with SAU #23 Board and representatives from Butler Busing
 - i. Negotiated a reduced increase, down to 12.13%
 - ii. Savings of about \$18,000 from Butler's original bid
 - iii. New fleet of Butler buses will be serving BMU and SAU #23 with new safety features
 - b. Shared spreadsheet of expenses to date
 3. Supt. Emilie Knisley
 - a. Reminder of Annual School meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM
 - b. Met with Supt. Mat Forrest from Danville
 - i. BMU Board is invited to meet with the Danville School Board on March 15, 2017 at 6:00 PM in Danville.
 - ii. Some members of Danville's Administrative Team and BMU's Administrative team met together over vacation

- iii. Talked of increasing opportunities for high school students by sharing resources
 - iv. Talked of possibilities of students sharing experiences between the two schools
 - d. Supt. Knisley will be attending Literacy Leadership Training at Lesley University, using school improvement grant money
 - 4. Principal Scott Blood
 - a. Have hired 7-12 Math Tutor, funded through VSAC grant
 - b. In process of interviewing for long-term sub for high school math
 - c. Recently did assessments using writing prompts that showed improvement since fall
 - d. Working on formal observations
 - e. SBAC testing starts March 14th for Grades 3-8 and 11
 - f. Looking at possibility of starting a couple education and prevention programs, under the leadership of the Guidance Dept., in response to the drug problem in the community
- V. Public Participation
 - A. Questions and discussion of various aspects of Act 46
 - B. All present were encouraged to attend the next Act 46 committee meeting at BMU on March 13, 2017 at 5:30 PM
- VI. Report of Committees
 - A. Act 46 Committee
 - 1. Shared proposed revisions to the Act 46 Law
- VII. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Judy Murray to award busing contract to Butler Bus Company for the next five years. Motion voted and approved unanimously
 - B. April Board meetings were scheduled for April 12th and 26th
 - C. Summer meeting dates—June 7th, July 19th, and August 23rd
 - D. March 29th, 30th, and April 3rd will be proposed as meeting dates with the BMEA Negotiations Team
- VIII. Correspondence—None
- IX. Old Business
 - A. Proposed School Calendar was shared with Board
- X. Review “To Do List”
 - A. Annual School Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 6th at 7:00 PM
- XI. Setting the Next Agenda
 - A. Pre-Board will meet March 10th at 7:45 AM
 - B. Policy Committee will meet on April 12th at 6:30 PM
 - C. Community Relations Committee will meet at 5:30 on April 12th

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk