

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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March 15, 2017

Present:

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

Administration: Emilie Knisley

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Executive Session
 - A. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Paul Hazel to enter Executive Session at 7:05 PM pursuant to VSA Title I, Section 313 a. (2) real estate. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board was Emilie Knisley
 - B. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Judy Murray to exit Executive Session at 7:16 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- III. Action--None
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. The Chair welcomed Wade Parker and Julie Oliver, who were re-elected to serve on the Board at their respective Town Meetings
 - B. The Board welcomed students, who were in attendance
 - C. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Josh Souliere to approve the Board minutes of March 1, 2017. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Sara Dennis)
 - D. Orders will be approved by committee
 - E. Administrative Reports
 1. Supt. Emilie Knisley
 - a. Shared information on Northeast Kingdom Community Engagement Training for Superintendents and School Board Representatives on March 31st and April 1st at LSC
 - b. Will advertise for a long-term sub for high school English opening
- V. Public Participation
 - A. Expressed appreciation that the Budget passed
 - B. Students present shared their perspectives on various Act 46 scenarios
- VI. Report of Committees
 - A. Act 46 (Brent Abare)
 1. Committee voted to stay in the 706 b
 2. Articles of Agreement will continue to be discussed and decided
 3. Have to continue to ask "Where do any cost savings exist?"
 4. Representatives from Thetford and Waits River attended March 13th Act 46 Study Committee meeting

5. Danville has suggested new dates to meet with BMU Board—April 11th, 12th, or 13th
 6. Act 46 Study Committee will meet next on April 24, 2017 at 5:30 PM at Oxbow
 7. Board Members were encouraged to take home the draft of the Articles of Agreement and make notes and suggestions
 8. Emilie Knisley and Lori Blood will put together financial information, which would include Thetford
 9. Request that the following information be brought to the April 12th School Board meeting:
 - a. Financial information, which would include Thetford
 - b. Recommendations for improvements in Articles of Agreement
 - c. Our vision of what we want to have happen when we are done
 10. Suggested that BMU Act 46 Committee members Tom Page and Angeline Alley be invited to attend the April 12th School Board meeting
 11. Discussed possibility of creating a survey to put out to the community
- VII. Action Items—None
- VIII. Correspondence
- A. Letter from elementary student requesting that BMU start a compost bucket
 1. Decided to forward this letter to Buildings and Grounds
- IX. Old Business—None
- X. Review “To Do List”—Done
- XI. Setting the Next Agenda (for April 12, 2017 meeting)
- A. Pre-Board on April 3rd at 8:00 AM
 - B. Policy Committee will meet at 6:30 PM on April 12th

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk