

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

GARVIN LIBRARY

April 4, 2018

Present:

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

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Lori Blood

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Board Re-Organization:
 - A. Elect Chair
 1. Judy Murray nominated Angeline Alley. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Angeline Alley)
 - B. Elect Vice-Chair
 1. Bruce Stevens nominated Paul Hazel. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - C. Elect Secretary
 1. Bruce Stevens nominated Kelsey Root-Winchester. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Kelsey Root-Winchester)
 - D. The *Caledonian-Record* was confirmed as Newspaper of Record
 1. Board members were reminded if they get calls from the press that they are to be referred to the Board Chair or to the Superintendent
 - E. Board Code of Ethics was signed by the Board Members
 - F. Committee Assignments
 1. The Chair asked if anyone would like a change in committee assignments
- III. After-School Program: Brian Emerson
 - A. Shared listing of one-year electives for seniors at River Bend Career and Technical Center, which is a way that students can earn college credits while learning important life skills
 - B. Spoke about data supporting the need for an after-school program
 - C. Mr. Emerson offered to write a grant to get an afterschool program up and running at BMU under the umbrella of "Watch 'em Grow" at River Bend, who already has a 501 (c)(3) non-profit status
 - D. The only thing BMU would have to do is provide space from about 2:30-6:00 PM
- IV. Action
 - A. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Paul Hazel that we support the grant and research to support an afterschool program at BMU. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Kelsey Root-Winchester to approve the Board minutes of March 28, 2018. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Orders will be approved by committee
 - C. Administration Reports
 - 1. Business Manager Lori Blood
 - A. Motion by Kelsey Root-Winchester, seconded by Bruce Stevens to adopt the HRA Plan Document for teachers and support staff, full time and part time, and also to adopt the Cafeteria Section 125 Plan Descriptions and Summary Plan Documents for each document. The Business Manager can sign the agreements and resolutions upon approval by the Board. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - 2. Superintendent Emilie Knisley
 - A. Shared FY19 preliminary budgets as of 12-Feb-18 for new unified districts in VT and for other districts in the state
 - B. She also shared communication she has exchanged with former VT Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe regarding tax/financial analysis and projections if BMU joined one of the nearby SU's
 - C. Gave an update on hiring process for vacant positions
- VI. Public Participation--None
- VII. Report of Committees—None
- VIII. Action Item (Voted on during Business Manager's report)
- IX. Correspondence
 - A. Discussed recent e-mail correspondence from Board members
- X. Executive Session
 - A. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Bruce Stevens to enter Executive Session at 8:03 PM pursuant to Title I, Sec 313 (a) (1) Administrative Contracts. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Paul Hazel to exit Executive Session at 8:25 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- XI. Action
 - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Bruce Stevens to accept the resignations of Lori Blood and Emilie Knisley, with deep regret and appreciation for their years of service. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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.