

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**GARVIN LIBRARY**

**April 12, 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, Scott Blood, Donna Waelter, Lori Blood, Dena Baker

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:12 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Ratify Contract with the BMEA
  - A. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Josh Souliere to ratify the proposed 3-year contract with the BMEA, contingent up ratification by the BMEA. Motion voted on and carried with one abstention (Julie Oliver)
- III. Article 46 Board Discussion
  - A. Board members, along with Act 46 Committee members, had just returned from meeting with the Danville School Board.
    1. They reported a good discussion
    2. Danville, Twinfield, and Cabot are scheduled for a vote to merge on June 20<sup>th</sup>
    3. Administrators from BMU and Danville plan to meet again in the next few weeks
  - B. Judy Murray and Brent Abare attended a recent hearing with the VT Legislature, and Judy testified before the committee.
    1. Judy reported there is a group encouraging the Legislature to be more amenable to alternative governance structures in the state.
    2. A Senate bill (S.122) includes amendments to Act 46, providing more flexibility in the law
- IV. Drafting of Articles of Agreement—No action
- V. Consent Agenda
  - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Sara Dennis to approve the Board minutes of March 15, 2017. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
  - B. Orders will be approved by committee
- VI. Public Participation
- VII. A. Clarifying questions and comments
- VIII. Report of Committees—No report
- IX. Action Items
  - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Brent Abare that the Board recommend to the Act 46 study committee members that they withdraw from the 706 b Committee. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

B. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Sara Dennis that BMU continue to explore Alternative Governance Structures with Danville and any other interested parties. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

1. The BMU and Danville Administrative teams intend to meet this month.
2. Representatives of BMU and Danville Boards intend to have further conversations on mergers and/or ways of collaborating.
3. Representatives of the Peacham and Newbury Boards will be invited to attend the next BMU Board meeting.
4. Nicole Mace, VSBA Executive Director, will be apprised of the situation.

C. Motion by Kelsey Root, seconded by Judy Murray to waive Student Day 177 on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

X. Correspondence--NONE

XI. Old Business—NONE

XII. Executive Session

A. Motion by Sara Dennis, seconded by Josh Souliere to enter Executive Session at 9:36 PM pursuant to VSA Title I, Section 313 a. (1) contracts and Section 313 a. (2) real estate.

Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board were Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, and Lori Blood

B. Motion by Kelsey Root, seconded by Wade Parker to exit Executive Session at 9:51 PM.

Motion voted on and approved unanimously

XIII. Action--NONE

XIV. Review "To Do List"--DONE

XV. Setting the Next Agenda for April 26, 2017

A. Pre-Board Meeting TBA

B. Community Relations Committee will meet at 5:30 PM

C. Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet at 6:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk