

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

GARVIN LIBRARY

April 26, 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, Lori Blood

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Board Reorganization
 - A. Elect Board Chair
 1. Nomination by Paul Hazel, seconded by Wade Parker that Bruce Stevens serve as Board Chair. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Elect Vice Chair
 1. Nomination by Judy Murray, seconded by Josh Souliere that Paul Hazel serve as Board Vice Chair. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - C. Elect Secretary of Board
 1. Nomination by Julie Oliver, seconded by Paul Hazel that Kelsey Root serve as Board Secretary. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - E. Designation of Newspaper of Record
 1. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Sara Dennis to designate the *Caledonian Record* as the Newspaper of record. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - F. Set Date of Board meetings
 1. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Sara Dennis to set the first and third Wednesdays of each month as the dates for Board meetings in the Garvin Library at 7:00 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - G. Board Code of Ethics
 1. Emilie Knisley and Bruce Stevens explained the Code of Ethics in the packet
 - H. Committee Assignments
 1. Board members were asked to think about on which committees they would like to serve
- III. Correspondence
 - A. Letter received from a parent asking for a bus to come to the Corinth area to transport students to BMU
 1. The Board agreed to talk to the bus company to explore possibilities for next year
- IV. Act 46 Board Discussion
 - A. The Chair welcomed Margaret MacLean, from the Peacham School Board
 1. She outlined options available to Blue Mountain regarding Act 46

2. She suggested preparing an Alternative Governance Structure
3. She suggested showing very clearly the intent of the communities, as to what the citizens want, with data to back it up

V. Consent Agenda

- A. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Paul Hazel to approve Board minutes of April 12, 2017. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- B. Orders will be approved by committee
- C. Administration Reports
 1. Principal Scott Blood
 - a. Hired a new math tutor
 - b. Setting up interviews for two positions
 - c. An anticipated opening in the elementary
 - d. Completing evaluations
 - e. SBAC testing nearly complete
 - f. Phyl Macomber spoke to faculty to discuss differentiated instruction
 2. Supt. Emilie Knisley
 - a. Follow-up conversations regarding Act 46
 - b. Emilie Knisley and Scott Blood will meet with Danville Administrators on May 4th
 - c. In-service planning for next year
 - i. May be centering on trauma
 - ii. Literacy goals for next year
 - d. Discussion on the Yearbook
 3. Business Manager Lori Blood
 - a. Preparing for year-end checklist
 - i. Insurance plans will change at end of 2017

VI. Public Participation

- A. Questions and comments centered around Act 46

VII. Report of Committees

- A. Act 46 (Brent Abare)
 1. 706 Committee was dissolved at the meeting at Oxbow this past Monday night
 2. Appreciation was expressed to Margaret MacLean for her advice and answers this evening
- B. Community Relations (Paul Hazel)
 1. Margaret MacLean met with them
 2. Emilie Knisley will draft a letter to go out to the voter list, sharing the 706 committee's decision to disband
 3. A survey will be drafted, asking for voters' opinion on having BMU remain as PreK-12 or becoming PreK-8
 4. Board will review the drafts at the next Board meeting
- C. Building and Grounds (Bruce Stevens)
 1. Presentation on tentative plans for the greenhouse

VIII. Action Items--NONE

- IX. Old Business--NONE
- X. Executive Session—NONE NEEDED
- XI. Review “To Do List”--DONE
- XII. Set the Next Agenda
 - A. Pre-Board Friday morning April 28, 2017 at 8:30 PM
 - B. Food Service Report
 - C. Global Explorers Group

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk