

## BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

### GARVIN LIBRARY

May 3, 2017

Present:

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

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Lori Blood, Daryl Sulham

Members of the public

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Executive Session
  - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Sara Dennis to enter Executive Session at 7:01 PM, pursuant to VSA Title I, Section 313 a. (7) student records. Motion voted on and carried with one abstention (Judy Murray). Accompanying the Board was Emilie Knisley
  - B. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Sara Dennis to exit Executive Session at 7:56 PM. Motion voted on and carried with one abstention (Judy Murray)
- III. Action—None
- IV. Global Explorers: Trip options for students and chaperones explained by Mackenzie Prasch, Global Explorers faculty advisor
  - A. Proposals for two possible trips to be offered next year during J-Term
    1. One to Nicaragua and the other to Belize
  - B. Pros and Cons, Liability insurance policies, cost of each trip
  - C. Summary of preparation that would take place
- V. Action
  - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Brent Abare to enthusiastically approve the trip to Belize in January 2018. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Judy Murray)
- VI. Board Reorganization: Code of Ethics, Committee Assignments
  - A. Code of Ethics for VT School Board Members distributed to Board members to be signed and returned
  - B. Committee Assignments were discussed
    1. Will be finalized at Pre-Board
- VII. Act 46 Board Community Engagement Strategies: Survey, Letter, Webpage, Identifying Community Priorities
  - A. No Act 46 Committee needed at this time
  - B. A draft survey to be sent to community members, asking their views on various aspects of Act 46 and options for consolidation, was reviewed and explained
  - C. A draft of a letter to Blue Mountain Community members, explaining steps taken thus far in the Act 706b process and potential steps going forward, was shared
  - D. Discussion was held as to how to best distribute and then collect the surveys

- VIII. Consent Agenda
  - A. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Josh Souliere to approve the Board minutes of April 26, 2017. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Judy Murray)
  - B. Orders will be approved by committee
- IX. Public Participation--Done
- X. Report of Committees
  - A. Policy (Bruce Stevens)--working on two policies to bring to next meeting
- XI. Action Items
  - A. Daryl Sulham, Director of Buildings and Grounds, explained needed purchases to upgrade the woodchip system computer
  - B. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Kelsey Root to expend not more than \$50,000, to be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund, to purchase the needed upgrade to the woodchip computer system. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Judy Murray)
- XII. Correspondence--None
- XIII. Old Business
  - A. Quote has been requested from the bus company to provide transportation for students from the Corinth area
  - B. Tentative Summer meeting schedule—June 7, June 21, July 19, and August 23
- XIV. Review “To Do List”--Done
- XV. Setting the Next Agenda
  - A. Set lunch prices
  - B. Administration compensation
  - C. Curriculum Committee
  - D. Science Curriculum
  - E. Pre-Board—May 12, 2017 at 8:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk