

Board Meeting 5.17.17

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. All members except Josh Soulierre in attendance. Admin present: Scott Blood, Emilie Knisley, John Barone, Donna Waelter, Lori Blood

Presentation by Dr. John Barone on K-12 Science Curricular Framework in anticipation of Board approval of the document. Discussed the process of creating and refining the framework, as well as the elements of the final document which was included in the Board packet. Discussed next steps with staff including summer curriculum course that will be offered on-site here at BMU for BMU staff. Dr. Barone shared a copy of a draft subject map that was completed with a teacher.

Act 46 Board Discussion:

Survey: The community survey is completed, but waiting on the committee for the green light in order to circulate it. The survey will go online and in hard copy for elementary parents. The survey can be shared at concerts and athletic games. The committee is hoping to collate the data in June.

Danville Administration Meeting: Emilie and Scott met with the superintendent, principal and dean of students from Danville. There were discussions about shared programming. The vote between Twinfield, Danville and Cabot will be happening soon. Danville may be interested in sharing an alternative program. BMU and Danville may be interested in sharing PD opportunities, dual enrollment courses via video technology, sharing an alternative pathways coordinator and J-Term coordination between the two schools, YATST for student leaders to work together on school change, advisory systems, 8th grade projects, and mentoring programs. There was a recommendation to invite Newbury to an upcoming board meeting to share these discussions.

Approval of Minutes: Nomination by Paul, seconded by Kelsey. Minutes approved.

Discussion: Question on alignments. The minutes from the last board meeting read that assignments will be finalized at the next pre-board meeting.

Judy made a motion to place Brent on the budget committee and Sarah on student affairs. Motion passes. One no vote (Bruce), one abstained (Wade).

Administration Reports:

Donna Waelter:

1. Last submission sent in on Monday.
2. Filled two paraprofessional positions and will be holding off on the third for now.
3. Donna will be gone from June 5th to about June 27th.
4. Special Educators are working on assessing this year and preparing for next year.

Lori:

1. Food service meal prices.
2. Lori and Dena are recommending that the meal prices for 17-18 remain the same.
3. Outstanding balances being collected. No charging as of May 12th.

Emilie:

1. Action Items -
 - a. Breastfeeding (Create a new lactation space).
 - b. Recommendations from the Department of Health regarding head lice.
2. Emilie is working with Margaret McLean, John Castle and other superintendents to create a rural collaboration. Serve as an advocacy group for rural education. Policy and political advocates on rural education. There is a funding source (donor) as a possibility. This would be launched in the fall. This is in some ways an organized political reaction to Act 46.
3. She was supposed to meet with Chip Conquest, but the meeting was canceled.
4. There is a literacy consortium that has come out of Lyndon. This has been essential for training teachers, tracking data, and more. Unfortunately, they will not exist next year. This consortium is merging with a consortium in Chittenden County. This will hopefully build capacity for this work. There is hope that the new entity will be operational in the fall.
5. Emilie made the decision to freeze hiring on a paraprofessional position and a custodial position due to the legislative discussions happening surrounding federal funding. Classroom teachers will be filled.

Scott--

1. Discussed work with YAST and student leadership
2. Discussed the possibility of creating a mentor program for high school students

Action Items:

1. Approve the K-12 science curriculum. Brent made the motion and Judy seconded. The motion passed.
2. Resolution to offer short flexible spending plan to offer for FY 18. Motion by Judy and seconded by Paul. Motion passed.
3. Set hot lunch prices: There are no changes to the Student Hot Lunch prices for 2018, the prices remain at 2.80 for Pre-K to 8th grade and 3.05 for 9-12th grade. and Breakfast pricing remains at 1.75 for Pre-K to 12th grade. Motion by Sarah, seconded by Kelsey. Motion passed.
4. Procedure 2430 (Head Lice). Motion by Paul, seconded by Judy. Motion passed.
5. Procedure 5200 (Workplace support for breastfeeding) Motion by Paul, seconded by Brent. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

1. Resignation by Wendi Larrabee. Motion by Judy to accept the letter with regret. Seconded by Kelsey. Motion passed.

2. Resignation by Richard Hayward. Motion by Judy to accept the letter with regret.
Seconded by Sarah.

Old Business:

1. Waits River Transportation Request.
2. Greenhouse. Discussion about expediting some work on this.

Review To Do List:

1. Pre-board scheduled for the June 7th meeting will be Thursday, June 1st at 8:00 AM.

Setting the next agenda:

Executive Session 313 (a) (1) Administrative Contracts:

Motion to move into executive session by Paul. Seconded by Judy. 9:00 PM.

Exit executive session moved by Brent Abare and seconded by Kelsey Root. at 10:33 pm.

Motion passed.

Brent moved to approve the recommendations as made in executive session. Judy seconded.
Julie opposes, all others voted in favor. The motion carries.

Adjournment: 10:34 pm.