

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD

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May 23, 2018

Present:

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

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Lori Blood

Members of the Public

I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Angeline Alley, Chair

II. Consent Agenda

A. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Paul Hazel to accept the Board minutes of May 2, 2018. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

B. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Kelsey Root-Winchester to accept the Board minutes of May 15, 2018. Brent Abare requested that the minutes be amended to include the following: "The Board had directed Board Chair Angeline Alley to go to CCSU. Angeline Alley contacted Krista Huling, Chair of the State Board, and she did not respond. Ms. Alley chose that course of action because CCSU was not meeting until after the State Board meeting on May 16th." Motion voted on and approved unanimously as amended.

C. Orders will be approved by committee

D. Administration Reports

1. Superintendent Report

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OESU

a. Supt. Emilie Knisley has been in contact with Essex-Caledonia, has merged already, and also North Country, and

b. Supt. Knisley has consulted legal advice regarding authorizing contracts.

i. There is nothing we need to do

not

ii. On July 1, 2018, Blue Mtn. Supervisory District #57 will exist

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iii. Blue Mountain Union School District #21 will continue exist

BMU can
Medicaid billing

c. There a few things that Supt. Knisley has found so far that share within OESU, for example, ELL services and

d. Federal money has to be processed through the SU

2. Principal Scott Blood

- 1. A Board member asked a question about the Dean of Students.
 - a. Mr. Blood responded that the new hire went through the Board Personnel Committee.
 - b. Policies are in place regarding hiring
 - c. There was a request that the Board have a discussion regarding policies and in which positions the Board gets more involvement in the hiring process
- 2. A High School Math position has been posted a second time.
 - a. Mr. Blood reported that they have had a first interview with a person. candidate and will be having a second interview with that person.
- 3. ALICE training
 - a. Mr. Blood thought the training was great and gives people options to make informed decisions
 - b. There will be a training of staff right before the start of the next school year, on August 28, 2018
 - c. Information will be shared with Parents and community
 - d. There were concerns that the Day Care next door did not know about the recent lock-down
 - i. It was suggested that the Day Care be added to the school's automated calling system

C. Business Manager Lori Blood

- 1. Any surplus will be incorporated into the budget or set aside in a reserve fund
- III. Transition Planning—Included in Administration reports
- IV. Public Participation—None
- V. Report of Committees
 - A. Buildings and Grounds
 - 1. It is planned to move the Teachers' Room to add an extra exit
 - 2. Discussion on playground equipment
 - 3. There is the possibility of planting three maple trees, with financing help from BMEF, but the playground inspector from the insurance company will be consulted before plans are finalized
 - 4. There is need for replacement of the Walk-in freezer, as well as the cooler.
 - a. The Cooler/freezer replacement will be purchased from Roy Refrigeration.

B. Motion by Wade Parker, seconded by Brent Abare to approve the purchase of the cooler and freezer replacement at a cost not to exceed \$57,000. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

VI. Action Items

A. MOA with BMEA

1. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Wade Parker to approve the MOA with the BMEA regarding adding three vacation days to all full-year employees, which will be used on snow days if the employee is not needed to be at school that day. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. If the employee is working on the snow day, he/she will take a vacation day at another time.

B. Tax Anticipation note

1. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Judy Murray for the Board Chair or Vice-Chair to sign the Tax Anticipation note. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

C. Nurse Sub Rate

1. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Bruce Stevens to accept Lori Blood's recommendation to set the nurse sub rate at \$20/hr. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

D. Classroom Renovations

1. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Wade Parker to approve classroom renovations as described, contingent upon fire marshal approval. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

E. Contract Authorizations—None needed

F. Waive School Day 177

a. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Bruce Stevens to waive school day 177 (school closed due to water problems). Motion voted on and approved unanimously

G. Elect three OESU Board representatives—Tabled until next meeting

H. Summer Meeting Schedule—Tabled until next meeting

VII. Correspondence

A. Letter from Chair of State Board of Education with the written decision made by the State Board on May 16, 2018

VIII. Executive Session—None Needed

IX. Old Business: transition planning—Done

X. Setting the Next Agenda

- A. Angeline Alley has been in contact with the VSBA to come for a 2-hour Board training on June 20, 2018, starting at 6:00 PM, with dinner, and then followed by a quick Board meeting at 8:00 PM
- B. Second part of Board training will be on June 27, 2018 at 6:00 PM for two hours
- C. Regular Board meeting on June 6, 2018
- D. Pre-Board will be determined
- E. Community Relations Committee will meet Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 4:30 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk

The minutes are in draft format and are unofficial until formally approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.