

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**GARVIN LIBRARY**

**June 7, 2017**

Present:

Board Members: Brent Abare, 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 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Executive Session
  - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Wade Parker to enter Executive Session at 7:01 PM, pursuant to VSA Title I, Section 313 a. (1) Administrative contracts and 313 a. (7) student records. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board were Emilie Knisley and Scott Blood
  - B. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Kelsey Root to exit Executive Session at 8:14 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- III. Action
  - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Julie Oliver to approve the request for tuition as discussed in Executive Session. Motion voted on and defeated unanimously
- IV. Act 46 Board Community Engagement Strategies: Survey Update
  - A. Paul Jewett from the Newbury School Board gave an update on the thinking of Newbury regarding Act 46
  - B. Discussion of possibility of Alternative Governance Structure
  - C. Survey Update
    1. Shared responses received thus far and showed breakdown of responses
    2. 73% of responses received thus far favored retaining PreK through 12 model
    3. More forms will be mailed to households, hoping to receive more responses
    4. The Survey Committee was thanked by the Board for all their work
- V. Consent Agenda
  - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Brent Abare to approve the Board minutes of May 17, 2017 with the addendum attached. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Josh Souliere)
  - B. Orders will be approved by committee
  - C. Administration Reports
    1. Principal Scott Blood gave an update on hiring of new staff
    2. Superintendent Emilie Knisley presented a written report
    3. Business Manager Lori Blood highlighted points in her written report
- VI. Public Participation—occurred earlier in the meeting
- VII. Action Items

- A. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Josh Souliere to appoint Glen Godfrey as Truant Officer. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- B. Motion by Josh Souliere, seconded by Brent Abare to set the substitute rate of pay for 2018 as recommended by the Administration
  - 1. \$11.25 per hour for general substitutes
  - 2. \$20.00 per hour for nurse substitutes
- C. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Josh Souliere to authorize the following Tax Anticipation Note. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
  - 1. Community Bank N.A. Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1,105,683 at the interest rate of 1.55% per annum, issued 7/3/17 to be paid in full on or before 6/30/18. Chairman and Treasurer are authorized to sign all Tax Anticipation Note loan documents on behalf of the Blue Mountain Union School District board
- D. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Paul Hazel to approve funds for Greenhouse improvements, not to exceed \$5000. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- E. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Brent Abare to deny at this time the parental request for transportation for Waits River students. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

VIII. Correspondence--None

IX. Old Business: Summer Board Schedule

X. A. Meetings scheduled for July 19 and August 23

XI. Review "To Do List"--Done

XII. Setting the Next Agenda

A. Pre-Board July 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM

B. Community Relations Committee TBA

C. Will invite Danville Board members to attend the July 19, 2017 Board meeting

XIII. Executive Session

A. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Paul Hazel to enter Executive Session at 9:37 PM, pursuant to VSA Title I, Section 313 a. (1) Administrative contracts. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board was Emilie Knisley

B. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Wade Parker to exit Executive Session at 10:00 PM

XIV. Action

XV. A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Wade Parker to rescind Administrative salaries adopted on May 17, 2017 and adopt the salaries and conditions set forth in the Superintendent's Memo, allow employees to roll over vacation days to the next year, and offer the choice of an HSA or an HRA for non-union employees. Set increase for Superintendent at 2.5 %. Motion voted on and carried 6-2

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk