

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Garvin Library

June 27, 2018

Present:

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

Administration: Scott Blood

Members of the Public

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair
- II. Board Training by VSBA
 - A. Introduced and welcomed Sue Ceglowski, Director of Legal and Policy Services and Susan Holson, Director of Board Education
 1. Relationship Between District and Supervisory Union
 2. Supervisory Union Board Composition
 3. Duties of Supervisory Board
 4. Policy Governance
 5. General Guidelines for Board Committees
- III. After School Program: Permission for License and Building Use by Brian Emerson and Paul Jewett
 - A. After School Program through Watch Them Grow Daycare
 - B. Need to have agreement between BMU and Watch Them Grow
 - C. Paul Jewett has agreed to serve as the Administrator for at least a year
 - D. Will not cost any taxpayer dollars
 - E. In process of getting the license and hiring employees (hopefully local)
 - F. Plan is to be up and running by the first day of school
- IV. Act 46 Discussion with Guest Margaret McLean
 - A. Three Choices
 1. Comply with the Secretary's Recommendation
 - A. Board has already voted and rejected unanimously
 2. "One Voice" saying we want to be one Supervisory Union that will function with independent supervisory districts within the supervisory union. All

the communities need to write that letter and sign onto it. If we go with One Voice, it has an opportunity of being heard. At least one person from each Board needs to go to the meeting with the State Board and speak with One Voice, all on the same page. Margaret McLean thinks that is what we should go for and try for. If one town refuses to go along with this, then go to Choice #3.

3. Ask the State Board of Education at the July 18th meeting if we can vote to close our high school. If they say no, it doesn't necessarily mean we can't do it—we can do it a different way. Dissolve PreK-12 union and form PreK-8 union with school choice. There are transportation issues. If a school really wants our students, we can negotiate transportation. Pros and cons. Think about what would be right for all kids.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Will be handled at a future meeting

VI. Public Participation

A. A number of community members asked questions and shared ideas

VII. Report of Committees--None

VIII. Action Items

A. Take Action Regarding Plan for Supplemental AGS and July State Board Meeting

1. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Julie Oliver that the Board move forward with the One Voice option and simultaneously move forward with option #3 (withdrawal). After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

2. Motion by Kelsey Root-Winchester, seconded by Bruce Stevens that we move forward with the One Voice option as an ad hoc committee. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

3. Motion by Kelsey Root-Winchester, seconded by Bruce Stevens that we pursue necessary steps for school choice options based on legal advice. Motion voted on with 4 in favor and 4 opposed, so motion failed.

4. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Bruce Stevens that we pursue an independent legal opinion based on advice from Margaret McLean, to pursue school choice for the BMU school district. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

B. After School Program

1. Motion by Kelsey Root-Winchester, seconded by Paul Hazel that BMU will provide space for the After School Program under Watch Them Grow. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

IX. Correspondence

A. Letter from Groton Select Board is in the Board members' packet

X. Old Business--None

- XI. Executive Session--None
- XII. Review "To Do List"--Done
- XIII. Setting the Next Agenda

A. Next meeting tentatively set for July 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM (tentative) and another meeting on July 11, 2018

B. When the Board decides what a public forum would include, one will be scheduled with a facilitator

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 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.