

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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July 19, 2017

Present:

Board Members: Sara Dennis, Paul Hazel, Judy Murray, Wade Parker, Kelsey Root, Josh Souliere, Bruce Stevens, Chair

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, Lori Blood

Danville Superintendent and Members of Danville School Board

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Meeting with Members of the Danville School Board Regarding Possible Merger under Act 46
 - A. Members of the Danville School Board were introduced and welcomed
 - B. Danville Board gave a summary of their recent work and the vote on consolidating with Cabot and Twinfield
 - C. BMU Board gave an update on the results of the survey that had been distributed to the public
 1. The BMU community survey showed about 75% support for keeping PreK-12 here in the building
 2. Student survey matched the community survey and also showed about 75% supporting keeping the high school here
 - D. Danville has also distributed a survey
 - E. Need to tailor plans going forward to the needs of the community
 - F. Both communities want the same thing
 - G. Want to have more discussions of how we can share programs, extra-curricular activities, enrichment activities, etc.
 - H. Need some actual proposals for cooperation
 - I. Shared some ideas that the two Superintendents and Principals have discussed as to ways the two schools could collaborate
 - J. Set August 7, 2017 as a date to meet in Danville at 6:00 PM for a tour of the facilities, and a warned meeting to start at 6:30 PM.
 1. This will be a joint meeting between BMU and Danville for an Educational opportunities planning meeting
- III. Act 46 Board Community Engagement Strategies: Survey Results
 - A. Covered under Superintendent's report

IV. Public Participation

A. Concern over SBAC scores from last year

1. Explained needs assessment that was done
2. Explained writing of new curricula that has been done

V. Consent Agenda

A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Judy Murry to approve Board minutes of June 2, 2017. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Sara Dennis)

B. Orders were approved by Committee

C. Administration Reports

1. Business Manager Lori Blood

- a. Shared information on insurance
- b. Just paid last payment on septic system
- c. Recommended to raise cost of elementary student lunches
from \$2.80 to \$2.85 (per State of VT)

2. Supt. Emilie Knisley

- a. Distributed survey results
- b. Explained work committees for next year, each to include two administrators, two Board members, and four staff members grant
- c. Received consolidated Federal programs grant
- d. Have developed a better system to track hours of hourly paid workers, at the requirement of the Labor Dept.
- e. Have chosen Anthony Muhammed's book *Overcoming the Achievement Gap* as schoolwide read

3. Principal Scott Blood

- a. Have hired a high school math, high school English, and first grade teacher
- b. Will be hiring an interim assistant principal
- c. PLC presentations at end of year were awesome
- d. Spent a week at BEST Conference with PBIS leadership team

VI. Action Items

A. Work Committees

1. Volunteers were assigned to committees

B. Staff Accountant Job Description

1. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Josh Souliere to approve staff accountant job description. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

C. Meal rate change

1. Motion by Sara Dennis, seconded by Judy Murray, to approve elementary lunch rate change \$2.80 to \$2.85. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

D. Assistant Principal Resignation

1. Motion by Josh Souliere, seconded by Sara Dennis to accept Brittany Preston's resignation, with regret. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

VII. Correspondence

A. Letter of resignation from Assistant Principal Brittany Preston

VIII. Old Business—None

IX. Review "To Do List"—Done

X. Setting the Next Agenda: Board Retreat Date for Fall

XI. A. August 7, 2017—Joint Board meeting in Danville—Tour at 6:00 PM, meeting to begin at 6:30 PM

B. Pre-Board August 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM

C. Regular Board meeting on August 23, 2017

D. Back to School Barbecue August 28, 2017

E. October Board Retreat October 4, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 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.