

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Garvin Library

July 25, 2018

Present:

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

Administration: None

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair
- II. Approval of minutes
 - A. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Julie Oliver to approve the Board minutes of July 18, 2018. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Kelsey Root-Winchester)
- III. Report of Committees
 - A. CRC (Judy Murray)
 1. Shared post card to be sent out next week
 2. Planning for ways to publicize information on the two upcoming meetings (August 8 and 13) and information on the vote on August 14, 2018
 3. CRC will prepare the post cards for bulk mailing
 4. Public Forum scheduled for August 8, 2018 and Informational meeting on August 13, 2018
 - B. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Bruce Stevens to approve the post card. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - C. Shared one-page informational sheet, giving background information to hopefully inform the citizens' vote. These will be distributed around the district in various locations
 - D. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Bruce Stevens that the Board approve the one-page informational sheet as amended. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Wade Parker, who had just arrived)
 1. Reported on other efforts of the CRC (see meeting minutes)
 2. Paul Hazel will collect ideas and considerations, pros and cons, of each of the articles on the ballot from other Board members
 3. The CRC will meet Monday, July 30, 2018 in the Baldwin Library in Wells River to continue work on the Act 46 Communication plan
- IV. Update on Public Forum

A. The date of the Public Forum was changed to August 8, 2018 so that Atty. Mark Oettinger will be available to attend.

B. Board Chair Angeline Alley had a lengthy phone conversation with Atty. Oettinger. Information learned included:

1. Dissolution of a union school has to be done by an affirmative vote of each of the towns involved.

2. A restructure has to be approved by State Board.

3. Atty. Oettinger's biggest concern is that a high school is considered to be Grades 7-12, not 9-12.

4. Atty. Oettinger said if we wish, we could reach out to several schools to set up a school swap of pupils 1:1.

5. Signatures of 5% of the voters in the district would be needed to warn a revote (not 5% of an individual town).

B. The Public forum will be either in the cafeteria or gym. Microphones will be available—one for the audience and four for the Board members.

V. Public Participation

A. Comments and questions regarding the revised AGS proposal

VI. Executive Session—None needed

Other Business

A. De-briefing on last night's Joint Board meeting

1. Not in favor of a phased merger

2. Discussed feasibility of the success of "One Voice"

3. State Board will be meeting again on October 17, 2018

4. Angeline Alley will ask Atty. Oettinger how long we would have to rescind a vote that has been warned

VII. Setting the Next Agenda

A. August 1, 2018-- approve amended AGS

B. Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet at 6:00 PM on August 1st

C. August 7th all the Boards will gather again at OESU at 6:00 PM to talk about how we will move to a "One Voice" letter. This meeting is open to the public

D. BMU Board meeting in August, date TBD, at which the Board will approve the handbooks

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 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.