

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**GARVIN LIBRARY**

**August 1, 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 7:04 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair
- II. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Paul Hazel to approve the Board minutes of July 25, 2018. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- III. Report of Committees
  - A. Community Relations Committee Report (Judy Murray)
    1. Richard Roderick worked with the committee to put together a fact sheet regarding Act 46 entitled "What does voting Yes or No mean?"
    2. Childcare will be available the evening of the Community Forum
    3. Testimony is being gathered from students, including tuition students, to share with the State Board of Ed.
      1. Linda Metzke, a professor at LSC, who places student teachers at BMU, is also sharing a written statement
    4. Ads publicizing the Community Forum will be in the *Bridge Weekly* and *Trendy Times*
    5. A School Reach message will be sent out
    6. The CRC is reaching out to our Legislators, requesting them to come to the Community Forum
    7. The Rotary has offered their support
    8. Post Cards have gone out to all on the checklist
      - a. Sam Winget was given a big thank you for addressing them and mailing them
    9. A T-Shirt is being designed by a private citizen with the slogan "Choose BMU"
      - a. Orders will be taken for the shirts
    10. The One-page information sheets are out and will be distributed throughout the district

11. Judy Murray is working on a potential presentation for the Community Forum August 8<sup>th</sup>

12. The Vote is set, and the CRC is now focusing on the State House and getting people to attend on August 15<sup>th</sup>

a. Figures have been gathered on the cost for having a bus. Perhaps have a donation bucket?

13. Meeting with the State Board is August 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 PM at the State Capitol in Room 11

14. Suggested that Board Members take the Pros & Cons sheet home, read it carefully, and then come back together with suggestions, comments

a. CRC will meet next on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Baldwin Library in Wells River

Q. Buildings and Grounds Committee did not meet tonight. Next meeting TBD.

1. Daryl Sulham will be scheduled to meet with the Board at the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting

IV. Update on Community Forum

A. Daycare will be available

B. Atty Mark Oettinger will be in attendance

C. The Board will try to gather financial information to help answer questions

V. Update on Amended AGS Letter

A. The Board reviewed the amended AGS letter, which included Margaret MacLean's edits

B. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Judy Murray to approve the amended AGS letter. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Each Board member signed the amended letter.

VI. Update on "One Voice" Letter

A. All four Boards will be meeting at Oxbow on August 7<sup>th</sup> to see if there is a possibility to agree to this

B. Judy Murray, Paul Hazel, and Julie Oliver will draft a letter to present to the other Boards at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. They will send the draft around for comments and will include Kristen Murray and Paul Jewett in this.

VII. Action Items—acted on earlier in the meeting

VIII. Public Participation

A. There have been questions about Article 2 on the ballot. How will the answers be interpreted? Suggested changing "private school" to "independent school" on Article 3. Change wording to state that the district is not mandated to provide busing for high school students.

- B. Clarification about Wells River vote. To register, a person has to go to the Town Clerk and cannot register with the Village Clerk. A person can also register to vote on line.
- IX. Executive Session—None needed
- X. Other Business
- A. Lunch prices
1. Set at \$2.95 for PreK-8, \$3.05 for Grades 9-12. Breakfast price is \$1.50 for everyone
- B. Time Line
1. Brent Abare shared a time line he has put together regarding Act 46 dates. Some revisions were suggested
2. The Board Chair will reach out to Margaret MacLean with some questions that came up
- a. What are specific actions being taken by other districts?
- b. What are the indicators of success or failure from submitting our amended AGS letter?
3. It was suggested that Atty. Oettinger be asked to work on an article that can be warned, stating that if we are forced to merge, then we want school choice
- XI. Setting the Next Agenda
- A. No meeting next week
- B. Meeting August 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 PM
1. Will use that meeting to pull together what's going to said at the meeting with the State Board on August 15<sup>th</sup>
- C. September 5<sup>th</sup> Brian Emerson presentation on Work Based Learning Opportunities
- D. August 22<sup>nd</sup> —Discuss and reflect on what happened on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the meeting with the State Board

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 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.