

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

GARVIN LIBRARY

September 20, 2017

Present:

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

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Donna Waelter, Lori Blood

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Curriculum Presentation: Literacy Leadership Team
 - A. Allyson Coburn, Literacy Coordinator
 1. Literacy Team has written an Action Plan increasing the number of high quality texts available to our students
 2. Shared Ten Text Characteristics
 3. Materials that would be purchased include fiction and non-fiction, new vocabulary, an excellent variety of text features, and have been created purposefully for students
 4. Common Core Science has a huge literacy component
 5. Coaching of teachers will center on best practices in various aspects of teaching literacy
 6. Coaching decisions will guide professional development
- III. Consent Agenda
- IV.
 - A. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Paul Hazel to approve the Board minutes of September 5, 2017 with corrections noted (Bruce Stevens as BMU Board Chair {not BMU principal} and spelling correction of Kelsey Root-Winchester's and Paul Hazel's names). 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. Currently 11 tuition students
 - b. Working on open enrollment of health care plans
 - c. Other benefits also have open enrollments on January 1, 2018
 - d. Auditor coming next week
 2. Superintendent Emilie Knisley
 - a. Shared an update on recent Act 46 conversations
 - b. Met with Peter Clark, Act 46 facilitator, who visited our school
 - i. He saw us working quite efficiently on what we're doing here
 3. Special Services Director Donna Waelter
 - A. All services are currently being covered
 - B. Meeting with agencies around mental health concerns, truancy issues

C. Technology, over time, is very helpful for students with a disability

- V. Public Participation—earlier in the meeting during Curriculum Presentation
- VI. Report of Committees
 - A. Building and Grounds (Josh Souliere)
 - 1. Approved a request to put barrels and pots as planters down at entrance of highway, as a gift from class of 2017
 - B. Policy (Paul Hazel)
 - 1. Made small change in one policy and considered two other policies, making no changes
- VII. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Brent Abare, seconded by Paul Hazel to approve the purchase of one Fountas & Pinnell Classroom Guided Reading for each grade level K-2, one Shared Reading Collection for each grade level PreK-3, and one Primary Literacy Video Collection; Word Study (DVD) in the amount of \$22,869.50, to be paid for from the Contingency/Surplus Funds. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Wade Parker to approve MOA regarding Penalty for Resignation. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - C. MOA regarding Independent School Psychology was tabled by consent
 - D. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Judy Murray to designate Brent Abare as the voting member for the VSBA Annual meeting on October 19-20 at Lake Morey. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - 1. Agreed to review proposed resolutions and by-law changes at next Board meeting
 - E. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Sara Dennis to approve School Fundraisers calendar, as proposed by the Principal. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- VIII. Correspondence--None
- IX. Executive Session—None needed
- X. Old Business
 - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Wade Parker to reschedule the Board Retreat to November 15, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Wells River UCC Church. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- XI. Review “To Do List”
- XII. Setting the Next Agenda
 - A. Next meeting October 3, 2017 at BMU at 6:00 PM
 - 1. The Board will watch a webinar on the process for submitting the AGS proposal and do BMU business, then the Danville School Board will join us at 7:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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.