

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

GARVIN LIBRARY

October 18, 2017

Present:

Board Members: Brent Abare, Sara Dennis, Paul Hazel, Judy Murray, Julie Oliver, Josh Souliere, Bruce Stevens

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, John Barone, Lori Blood

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. School Wide Data Presentation: Fall Data, Continuous Improvement Plan
 - A. Dr. John Barone and Emilie Knisley
 1. SBAC Summative Results by GRADE Level
 2. 2017 SBAC Summative Results by GRADE Cohort
 3. SBAC Summative Results: Comparative Data
 - a. Percentage of Students Who Scored Proficient + Proficient with Distinction
 4. Science NECAP Results
 5. Fall 2017 Local Assessment Results (STAR Reading & STAR Math)
 - a. Math groups have been formed using this data
 6. School POA Assessment Results
 - B. Dr. Barone and Mrs. Knisley shared various points of the Continuous Strategic Improvement Plan
 1. Five-year plan
 - C. Transition from No Child Left Behind to ESSA (Every School Succeeds Act)
 1. Described Annual Snapshot Report Card from the VT AOE
- III. Budget Trends for FY '19
 - A. Enrollment Data
 1. 412 students last year at this time
 2. 425 students this year at this time
 - A. Back to where we were in 2010
 3. Consistent enough to continue to serve number of students with current programming
 - B. Education Fund Budget
 1. Reserves drained last year
 2. Need to pay attention to financial trends in other areas of the State
 3. Health Care prices anticipated by VEHI
 4. Double digit increase in health care
 5. Dental care staying pretty steady
 6. Being asked to adjust student to staff ratio
- IV. Act 46 Discussion: Plan for Retreat on November 15th to Plan for Next Steps

- A. Retreat November 15th at 6:00 PM at Wells River UCC Church
 - B. Have focused discussion, facilitated by Peter Clark, if he's available
 - 1. Create our ideal situation, and submit it
 - C. Supt. Knisley met with OESU Supt. Sandra Stanley for a short time yesterday
 - 1. Discussed Consolidated grants, but then meeting cut short by a fire
 - V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Motion by Josh Souliere, seconded by Judy Murray to approve Board minutes of September 27, 2017 with the correction that the Class of 2016 placed the flower containers at the end of the driveway as a gift to the school, not the Class of 2017. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Josh Souliere to approve Board minutes of October 3, 2017, with the correction of the date from October 2 to October 3. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Sara Dennis)
 - C. Orders will be approved by committee
 - D. Administration Reports
 - 1. Business manager Lori Blood
 - A. Available fund balance to use FY 2019 estimated to be \$428,985.79
 - 2. Supt. Emilie Knisley presented her report as part of School-wide Data Presentation
 - 3. Principal Scott Blood
 - a. We had hired a long-term sub teacher, who did not stay.
 - 1. Another interview scheduled
 - b. School Receptionist replacement will be hired
 - c. OGAP (Ongoing Assessment Project) being worked on
 - 1. Uses formative assessment
 - 2. Hopeful that more professional development can be planned
 - d. Completed three drills in past week—clear the halls, building evacuation, and bus evacuation
- VI. Public Participation
 - A. Students present shared their thoughts on this year's scheduling
- VII. Report of Committees
 - A. River Bend—Brent Abare attended meeting tonight
 - 1. Elected officers, reviewed their budget
- VIII. Action Items--None
- IX. Correspondence--None
- X. Executive Session—None needed
- XI. Old Business—None
- XII. Review "To Do List"
 - A. A number of students want to come and visit upcoming Board meetings to talk with the Board about various programs
 - B. Brent Abare will be attending VSBA meeting tomorrow
- XIII. Setting the Next Agenda
 - A. Will invite Newbury Board to Nov. 1st meeting
 - B. Will invite Danville Board to Nov. 1st meeting

- XIV. C. Supt. Knisley will reach out to Cabot Board to determine interest
- XV. D. Pre-Board meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th at 9:30

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy N. Perkins, Minutes Clerk

The minutes are in draft format and are unofficial until formally approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.