

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

GARVIN LIBRARY

December 20, 2017

Present:

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

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood, Lori Blood

Members of the Public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
- II. Review of Board Code of Ethics and Conduct
 - A. Stressed the importance of being respectful throughout the meeting, especially with the students present
 - B. The Chair offered an apology for events at the last couple meetings
- III. AGS Plan
 - A. Supt. Emilie Knisley distributed a summary of the Blue Mountain USD Proposal: Section 9 AGS, which will go to the State Board of Education, and which had also been sent electronically to Board members today
 1. BMU can also send additional information in the coming months
 2. Questions were asked, and there was discussion on various points
 3. Supt. Knisley was thanked for the great case she has made and for the many hours of work she has put into this
 - a. Supt. Knisley will deliver this in person tomorrow to the DOE
- IV. Budget Draft #2, Distribute Audit for Review
 - A. Good news this week—our equalized pupil count has increased since last year, resulting in a per pupil cost savings of \$155 per pupil
 - B. Special Ed funding formula has been received from the State
 1. Resulting in additional revenue
 - C. Added line for capital improvements, estimating about \$100,000 to improve grounds of the playground, some replacement of older playground equipment, adding fencing and removing a few dangerous trees on the playground, digitizing the display on the marquee at end of drive, updating a few pieces of kitchen equipment and shelving
 - D. Hope to improve course offerings in health, foreign language, high school ELA and SS, and social and emotional support services for students
 - E. Goal is to warn a budget on January 3, 2018
 - F. The entire audited surplus of approximately \$400,000 is being inserted into the budget
 - G. Business Manager Lori Blood distributed bound copies of the audit from Fothergill, Segale, and Valley
 1. There were no findings
 2. Approval of audit will be at January 3, 2018 meeting

- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Julie Oliver to approve the Board minutes of November 16, 2017. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Sara Dennis to change the word “assign” to “align” in the next to the last paragraph of the minutes. Second motion voted on and approved unanimously. Original motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Kelsey Root-Winchester to approve the Board minutes of November 29, 2017. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Brent Abare, to modify the minutes, adding Mr. Abare’s notes. The second motion was voted on with a result of 3 in favor (Brent Abare, Julie Oliver, Sara Dennis), 3 opposed (Judy Murray, Josh Souliere, and Bruce Stevens), with 2 abstentions (Wade Parker and Kelsey Root-Winchester); the motion was therefore defeated. The original motion was voted on and carried 5-1 (Brent Abare opposed) with one abstention (Kelsey Root-Winchester)
 - C. Motion by Sara Dennis, seconded by Julie Oliver to approve Board minutes of December 6, 2017. Motion voted on and approved 6-1 (Brent Abare opposed)
 - C. Administrative Reports
 - 1. Principal Scott Blood
 - a. Upcoming trip to Belize during J-term
 - b. Exams are in progress
 - c. Mr. Blood is attempting to meet individually with each high school student
 - 2. Business Manager Lori Blood
 - a. Reported earlier on budget and audit
 - 3. Supt. Emilie Knisley
 - a. Reported earlier on AGS Plan
- VI. Public Participation—Several questions related to budget draft and AGS Plan
- VII. Report of Committees--none
- VIII. Action Items
 - A. MOA with Little Rivers Health Care—tabled until next meeting
 - B. Section 125 Approval—tabled until next meeting
 - C. AGS Plan
 - 1. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Josh Souliere for the Board to approve Supt. Knisley to deliver AGS proposal to the AOE on December 21, 2017 with the Board’s thanks for her work. Motion voted on and approved 6-1 (Brent Abare opposed)
- IX. Correspondence
 - A. Letter from second grade student thanking the Board for the books that had been purchased
- X. Executive Session—None needed
- XI. Old Business: February and April Board Schedule
 - A. Board meeting dates in February set for February 7, 2018 and February 28, 2018
 - B. Board meeting dates in April set for April 4, 2018 and April 25, 2018
- XII. Review “To Do List”--Done
- XIII. Setting the Next Agenda

- A. Approve audit
- B. Approve budget
- C. MOA with Little Rivers
- D. Building and Grounds Committee will meet January 3, 2018 at 6:30 PM
- E. Pre-Board meeting set for January 2, 2018 at 8:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 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.