

**BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL
Community Relations Committee
Wells River Library
July 30, 2018**

Present:

Board Members: Judy Murry, Julie Oliver, Kelsey Root-Winchester, Paul Hazel

Public: Amy Emerson, Dawn Burroughs, and Richard Roderick

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Paul Hazel
- II. Approved minutes of 7/16/18 & 7/25/18
- III. The committee discussed an Act 46 communication plan and updates on assignments.
- IV. Reviewed pros and cons/important considerations document for presentation to the Board 8/1
- V. Finalized plans the 1-pager for distribution.
- VI. Will request CRC meeting 8/6/18 @ 6pm in the Wells River Library

Communication plan update in Appendix A of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Community Relations Committee

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

Appendix A

Goals:

Promote the public forum August 8th and Informational Hearing August 13th

- Educate the BMU Community on the FACTS of where we are now, what the goals are, what the potential outcomes may be, and how BMU MAY be impacted in the future.
 - Post cards sent
 - One-pager printed and ready for sharing
 - Ads in Bridge and Trendy times for publication week of 7/27
 - WYKR will allow time on Friday 8/10 to promote the vote
 - Events promoted in social media
 - Message for distribution through School Reach 8/6, 8/10 or 12, 8/13
- Educate the BMU Community on next steps.
 - Part of August 8th public forum presentation
 - Important considerations document to be shared with Board 8/1 for comment
- Invite our Senators and Representatives to attend the Community Forum August 13th
 - Contact our Senators for support of BMU remaining a district under OESU
 - Invite Jane Kitchel and Joe Benning to public forum
 - Depending upon how the One Voice letter goes, may ask to write a letter in support of BMU remaining as a district under OSEU
 - Richard Roderick will contact Jane and Joe
 - Contact our Representatives for support of BMU remaining a district under OESU
 - Invite Chip Conquest and Marcia Martel to public forum
 - Depending upon how the One Voice letter goes, may ask to write a letter in support of BMU remaining as a district under OSEU
 - Kelsey will contact Marcia
 - Chip attended the meeting and will come if he can and support our efforts on the One Voice letter and results of the public vote

Promote the vote on August 14th

- Engage with members of the BMU Community to get out the vote.
- Kelsey will try to attend Senior Meals at Haverhill and Richard will try to attend the Orange East meal
- Rotary already working at the polls
- Need to canvas voters in towns

Support the BMU Board at the SBE meeting August 15th

- Enlist people to write testimony to the SBE
 - People are writing letters to the SBE
 - Amy and Julie will reach out to specific people re: writing testimony
 - **Email address for testimony: "The State Board also welcomes written commentary from members of the public at any time. Please submit all such additions, amendments, and comments electronically to aoe.section9proposals@vermont.gov or Krista.Huling@vermont.gov and Heather.Bouchey@vermont.gov to ensure that all Board members receive them."**
- Enlist people to attend the SBE meeting in BMU clothes
 - Dawn is working on tee-shirt order. Will keep us informed on how we can order tee shirts
- Arrange for carpooling to SBE meeting
 - Tracy sent out Facebook invite
 - Julie has bus pricing for August 15th and sponsorship for the costs