

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL

2420 ROUTE 302
WELLS RIVER, VT 05081

Regular Meeting

Place: Library

Date: Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Time: 6pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of minutes for December 5, 2018 (6:02-6:05)
- III. Update on after school program (6:05-6:20)
- IV. Update on business office (6:20-6:30)
- V. Budget (6:30-7:00)
- VI. Correspondence (7:00-7:05)
- VII. Public participation (7:05-7:20)
- VIII. Presentation – test scores (7:20-7:50)
- IX. OESU update (7:50-8:00)
- X. Action items (8:00-8:05)
 - a. MOA-date change only
- XI. Executive Session - if necessary
- XII. Other Business (8:05-8:10)
- XIII. Setting the next agenda (8:10-8:15)
- XIV. Adjournment (8:15)

- Upcoming meetings – 1/9/19 (Tentative); 1/16/19

"What's best for the community is a good school, one that has a good reputation. What is best for the kids is a good school." -Dr. Rowe

*Public Comments at Board Meetings The BMU Board is working to improve the response to public comments made at Board meetings. The Board reserves the right to ask visitors the following questions before they are invited to address complaints to the Board: Have you directed your complaint through our "Complaint" Policy i.e.:

Attempt to address the complaint first with teacher/staff member, and,

If not satisfied, discuss complaint with the principal, and,

- Still not resolved, then meet with the superintendent,
- Only then, will the Board hear your concern at a Board meeting.

When speaking with the Board, if the complaint becomes personal, disrespectful, or threatening, then the Board chair may rule the speaker "Out of Order" or, if the complaint addresses specific personnel or is evaluative then the Board chair may invite the complainant into executive session, and, the Board chair may limit speaking time for each individual and ask that similar points of view from multiple speakers not be presented.

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD

Garvin Library

December 5, 2018

Present:

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

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

Members of the Public

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair
- II. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Julie Oliver to approve the Board minutes of October 18, 2018. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- III. Presentation from 7th Graders on Cape Cod Trip
 - A. 7th grade students, along with their teachers, shared photos and their experiences at the Cape Cod Sea Camp in October
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Community Relations Committee (Paul Hazel)
 1. Recommendations to the Board of key information to share with the community
 2. Suggested having information to share at upcoming school events (concerts, etc.)
 3. When the budget is developed, information from the CRC can be shared with the public, along with the budget
 4. Suggested that governance structure and next steps be addressed
 5. Organizational chart is under development, but things will change July 1st
- V. Budget—1st Draft
 - A. Information we are currently waiting to receive from the state
 1. Equalized pupil counts in order to determine the assessments and district spending per pupil
 2. Common Level of Appraisals in order to calculate tax rates to towns
 3. Vocational Technical FTE's in order to calculate the Vocational Cost FY2020
 - B. Types of Assessments you can expect to see
 1. Special Education Assessment
 2. EEE Assessment
 3. ELL Teacher Assessment
 4. Central Office Supervisory Union Assessment
 - C. Debt Retirement
 1. Long Term Bond Debt paid in full Nov. 2018
 2. Bond Credits FY2020 will be part of the Revenues FY2020
 3. Capital Loan for Septic System paid in full July 2018
 4. Capital Loan for Paving/Alarm/Boilers will be paid in full Dec. 2018

- D. 11.8% increase in health care for FY2020
- E. All the various cost centers were explained and discussed
- VI. Correspondence
 - A. Correspondence received from Janet Gay, Olin Gay, and Kathy Crum stating their intention to retire at the end of the current school year.
 - B. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Judy Murray to accept the retirements of Janet gay, Olin Gay, and Kathy Crum with regret. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - C. The Chair shared a letter she had sent to the Groton Select Board
 - D. Received letter from State Board of Education stating that Blue Mountain will remain a district under the umbrella of OESU
- VII. Act 46 Update
 - A. Will continue to discuss how to protect our buildings and land should mergers become a topic in the future
- VIII. Public Participation--None
- IX. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Bruce Stevens, seconded by Judy Murray to approve Policy 2051 Graduation Requirements. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- X. Executive Session—Not needed
- XI. Other Business
 - A. OESU Update. The Chair will forward notes to Board members that Judy Murray took regarding last night's meeting.
 - 1. Judy summarized how funding of Special Ed will change and will affect BMU.
 - 2. OESU will be coming into compliance with Act 153.
 - a. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support.
 - b. Importance of working together.
 - i. BMU should lead by example.
 - c. Special Ed must come into compliance.
 - d. Consistency in curriculum.
 - e. All technology staff has met together discussing what they can do with data management.
 - i. Looking at a 3rd party vendor that would provide infrastructure and software support.
 - B. Set a tentative Board meeting schedule for the next three months.
 - 1. Will plan to meet January 2nd, January 9th(tentatively) and January 16th, depending what we get for budget numbers.
 - 2. Will plan to meet February 6th, March 4th (annual meeting), and March 6th.
 - C. Suggest that we have a link on our website to the OESU website.
- XII. Setting the next Agenda and for the next few meetings
 - A. Budget
 - B. Update on After School Program
 - C. Talk about hiring VSBA to go over our Policies
 - D. Set up Board Retreat for spring, and brainstorm ideas
 - E. Protect buildings and land

F. Facilities Plan

G. Sidewalks in the parking lot

H. Starting time of meetings—will plan to start at 6:00 PM on January 2nd and January 16th and on January 9th if the Board meets that night.

I. In March or April get a report on how student behavior support is working differently this year

- XIII. Motion by Kelsey Root-Winchester, seconded by Bruce Stevens to adjourn at 9:31 PM.
Motion voted on and approved unanimously

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.