

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GARVIN LIBRARY
July 17, 2019

Present:

Board Members: Angeline Alley, Chair, Sara Dennis, Alison Ingerson, Pau Hazel, Judy Murray, Kristen Murray, Julie Oliver, Wade Parker, Kelsey Root-Winchester

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Scott Blood

Members of the Public: Brian Emerson, Paul Jewett

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair
- II. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Kristen Murray to approve the Board minutes of June 5, 2019.
 - A. Correction: Under Article 11 B., it should read “for Orange-Washington” rather than “OESU”. Motion voted on and approved as corrected with two abstentions (Sara Dennis and Alison Ingerson)
- III. RBCTC Presentation—Brian Emerson
 - A. Mr. Emerson shared information about programs at RBCTC
 - B. He stressed that we aren’t sending enough VT students to two-year technical programs, because that is where the jobs are in this area
 - C. Stand-alone, semester-long, hands-on classes are now available at RBCTC
 - D. A grant of \$29,000 has been received for start-up costs
 - E. Working in partnership—two small schools (BMU and RBCTC)—will allow more electives to be available
 - F. Transportation is already in place
- IV. “Watch Them Grow” Update—Paul Jewett
 - A. Averaging 15-16 students per day in summer program for Grades K-6
 1. On Wednesdays, field trip day, they are averaging in low 20’s
 2. License was approved on July 9th for three years
 3. Theresa White, site coordinator, is doing a fantastic job
 - A. Sarah White and Trista Burns are working two days a week with reading instruction and enrichment
 - B. Will be at Open House at beginning of School year to register students for after school program next year
 - C. Now called “Town of Newbury After School Program”
 - D. Will have all the same employees back in the fall from last year
- V. Public Participation—None
- VI. Correspondence—None
- VII. OESU Update—None
- VIII. Action Items
 - A. Lunch Prices K-6
 1. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Julie Oliver to increase lunch prices for K-6 students from \$2.95 to \$3.00. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 2. It was commented that Food 4 Kids paid off unpaid lunch balances this past spring

3. Principal Scott Blood reported that the school is working on equity issues for students, and providing lunch for all students is one possibility.
- B. Student School Board Representative
 1. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Sara Dennis to put a Student rep back on the Board. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - A. A student has reached out, expressing an interest in serving as the rep
- C. Exchange Student
 1. A staff member who lives out of the district will be having an exchange student and would like that student to attend BMU.
 2. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Kelsey Root-Winchester to approve the exchange student to attend BMU. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- IX. Executive Session 313 a. (1) contracts
 - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Julie Oliver to enter Executive Session at 7:00 PM
 - B. Motion by Kelsey Root-Winchester, seconded by Judy Murray to exit Executive Session at 7:30 PM
- X. Action—None
- XI. Financial Report
 - A. Lori Blood submitted a printed financial report.
- XII. Other Business
 - A. Board members were encouraged to check out the new playground equipment
 - B. Now that Judy Murray is on the VSBA, she will have a lot of information to share with the Board in the months ahead.
 - C. Still in the process of hiring a Gr. 5/6 Math and Science position
 - D. Board members asked for a school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year and for a staff list for the coming year.
 - E. Discussion about the different ways the school is handling communication with the community
 - F. Board members expressed their desire that BMU and Woodsville graduation not be held on the same day
 - G. Next meeting scheduled for August 7 at 6:00 PM
 - H. BMU was one of the few schools in the state that was not identified for Identity Supports. VSBA website. VT annual snapshot. Looking at '17-'18 data.
www.vtvsba.org
 - I. A Fall Retreat will be scheduled
- XIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 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.