

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Garvin Library

September 4, 2019

Present:

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

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

Members of the Public: Jen Dube, Amy Emerson, Carrie Bogie

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair
 - A. Prior to the meeting, there was a meet and greet dinner for new staff members
 - B. Those present were welcomed, and the agenda was reviewed
 1. VSBA Update
 2. Request from Jen Dube
- II. Presentation by Jen Dube regarding placement of murals done by her students during J-Term
- III. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Julie Oliver to approve the Board minutes of August 7, 2019. Correction of typo and add "78% of voters in VT do not have children in the school". Motion approved with two abstentions (Wade Parker and Sara Dennis)
- IV. Public Participation—None
- V. Administrative Reports
 - A. Maintenance Report—Question about shortage of staff
 - B. Middle School Soccer coaching position filled. BMU is a member of Northern VT Athletic Conference now. This will alleviate some scheduling issues. Concerns were shared, hoping for better communication for middle and elementary parents.
- VI. Correspondence
 - A. Thank you notes received from Todd Powers and Allyson Coburn for gift cards they received at in-service
- VII. OESU Update
 - A. Went over Superintendent's goals for '19-'20. They are on OESU website. Invited Scott Blood and John Barone to come to a future meeting and do a presentation on ALICE
 - B. Financial Report—Doing well. Showing a deficit so we can use the surplus.
 - C. Central Office space plans—looking at possibility of renting Copeland Furniture Building. OESU Board will approve plans once they have more information.
 - D. Policy Update
 - E. Self-evaluation of Board members, which will also be sent to BMU Board members
- VIII. VSBA Update
 - A. Webinar tomorrow at noon going over resolutions that were presented. Judy Murray encouraged Board members to look at resolutions. Annual meeting will be held November 7th at Lake Morey Inn, and the Annual Conference will be held on November

7-8. They are possibly dissolving Washington Orange, and we would become part of Kingdom North.

B. Statewide health insurance now moved to fact-finding

IX. Action Item

A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Judy Murray to rescind moving \$9,156.42 from general fund to food service. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

B. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Judy Murray to move \$52,833.64 from the general fund to food service. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. The Board will have a presentation on universal lunch at their October meeting.

C. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Kristen Murray to approve the request of Student X to waive PE credit. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

D. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Julie Oliver to approve placement of the murals, designating the authority to administration for approval and placement. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

X. Executive Session—not needed

XI. Public Participation—none

XII. Other Business

A. Posting the minutes will now be done through the SU.

B. Hoping to have another student rep from the Junior Class, starting in October

C. When will enrollment information be available? Usually the number of students enrolled on Oct 1st or 15th is what is used for Equalized Pupil count. The administration will bring the number of tuition students to the October meeting.

D. Driver's Ed—concern that we should provide this service to more students. Various options were discussed.

XIII. Setting the next agenda

A. Universal lunch

B. Eye on Education

C. Class size report and approximate number of tuition students

D. Setting a date for a Board retreat before budget season starts.

XIV. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Julie Oliver to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 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.