

ORANGE EAST SUPERVISORY UNION BOARD MEETING

“The Inn” at River Bend Career and Technical Center

September 3, 2019

Present:

Board Members:

Blue Mountain Union: Angeline Alley, Allison Ingerson, Judy Murray

Newbury: Danielle Corti

OUUSD: Angela Colbeth

Thetford: Julie Acker, Charlie Buttrey

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Bruce Williams, Lori Blood, Jean Wheeler, Robin Wozny, Nicole Bell

Others: Sherry Hoyt, Ted Pogacar

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair
- II. Those present were welcomed, and the agenda was reviewed
- III. Board Business
 - A. Motion by Danielle Corti, seconded by Julie Acker to approve the Board minutes of August 6, 2019. Corrections: Danielle Corti and Melissa Gordon will serve as budget clerks. Board Clerk: Melissa Gordon. Allison Ingerson should be listed as a Board member from BMU. Motion voted on and approved as corrected with one abstention (Angela Colbeth)
 - B. Board Orders—Danielle Corti reported that all looked normal
 - C. Contracts—Contract from NH DOE stating that we are in compliance for participation in federal programs
- IV. Results of Self-Assessment Surveys—very little participation thus far. Another e-mail will be sent out reminding Board members to fill them out.
- V. Superintendent Goals
 - A. 2018-2019
 1. Governance, Mergers, Governance, Mergers, Governance, Mergers
 2. Getting to Know the Schools
 3. OESU Work Plan: Theme for this Year is Safety and Unity ('18-'19)
 4. Leadership Team Goals
 - a. Cultivating a Love of Learning
 - B. Hoped Outcomes for 2019-2020
 1. Goal One: Academic Proficiency
 2. Goal Two: Safe and Healthy Schools
 3. Goal Three: High Quality Staffing
 - C. Julie Acker asked what support is needed from the Board to be successful in meeting these goals?
- VI. Financial Report

A. Lori Blood had distributed a preliminary balance sheet in the Board packet. Receivables look fine, expenditures look a little high. Things look good at this point. Clarifying questions were asked and answered.

VII. Facilities—Office Space

A. Over the course of this past year, Bruce Williams looked at about half a dozen options that had been suggested regarding building space needs.

1. Two most viable options that have emerged—

a. Take on a major renovation of Oxbow High School in order that that building would accommodate district offices.

b. Tim Copeland has approached the SU and suggested leasing his building to the SU. Square footage between 70% and 100% more than what we now have. Cost is about 20% more than current cost. He is also willing to put \$10K into renovation costs. There is a renewal date of Jan. 1st at the OESU's current location. Asst. Supt. Williams just wanted to give the Board a heads up that this option was on the table. He suggested that the Board Chair, Emilie Knisley, Bruce Williams, and Tim Copeland sit down together and come up with best possible solid numbers. Mr. Williams will bring a solid proposal to the Board in October, and then the Board will come up with a time line after that.

VIII. Negotiations

A. Melanie Elliott has sent out an e-mail to each district asking if negotiations can begin sooner rather than later.

IX. Policy Update and Timeline

A. Goal is to have OESU policies as a template for the districts by December.

1. Try to have all districts have their policies complete by January or February
2. Will have commonly worded and commonly numbered policies across the whole OESU

X. Agenda Items for October

A. Facilities

B. Negotiations

C. Self-evaluation policies

D. ALICE Training presentation

E. Staffing changes

1. Comparison of staffing before Act 46 and after

F. Strategic Planning

G. Summary of Superintendent's goals and how they will be measured

H. Report of space at Copeland Furniture

XI. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 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.