

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD

Garvin Library

December 4, 2019

Present:

School Board Members: Angeline Alley, Sara Dennis, Paul Hazel, Allison Ingerson, Judy Murray, Kristen Murray, Julie Oliver, Wade Parker, Kelsey Root-Winchester, D J Nelson (student rep)

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

Others: Mother of Student X, Trista Burns, and others

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Angeline Alley, chair
- II. The agenda was reviewed
- III. Minutes Approval
 - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Kristen Murray to approve the Board minutes of November 6, 2019 and November 20, 2019. Correction of typo in November 20th minutes: "others in attendance". Motion voted on and approved as corrected with one abstention (Sara Dennis)
- IV. Tuition Waiver Request
 - A. Mother of Student X addressed the Board, requesting permission for her child to attend BMU for the rest of the year via tuition waiver
- V. Eye On Education (Trista Burns)
 - A. Ms. Burns described an initiative that the 4th Grade is doing this year as they study VT, called "Stepping Out Into Vermont History"
 1. The students will be going on a field trip one Friday per month to visit a place chosen from the list of Historical Sites in VT
 2. They will be learning from what they see
 - B. These trips will be funded by grant money, with BMEF being the most generous supporter
 - C. They have taken three field trips so far, with one more planned
 1. They have received a scholarship from Billings Farm for a field trip there in the near future.
 - D. One trip was funded by an anonymous friend
 - E. Field Trips thus far:
 1. Strafford, VT, home of Justin Morrill, a legislator, who was instrumental in starting the State College system in VT
 2. Calvin Coolidge Birthplace
 3. Vermont History Museum
 4. Shelburne Museum trip will be coming up
 - F. Scott Blood commended 4th grade teachers Trista Burns and Debbie Griggs for taking on this project
- VI. Guidance Report
 - A. Had been sent out to members previously (see attachment)

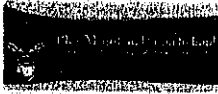
- VII. Public Participation—None
- VIII. Correspondence
 - A. Letter of resignation
 - B. Early retirement e-mail correspondence (see attachment)
- IX. Budget Review (Lori Blood)
 - A. Did not re-print budget since there had not been changes from last time
 - B. Hope to receive Spec Ed reimbursement info by December 15
 - C. Tax Commissioner’s letter received this morning regarding property tax info
 - D. CLA information comes later
 - E. Annual Report Deadlines Time Line was distributed (see attachment)
- X. Distribution of Tuition Student listing and BMU Enrollment by Grade Level (see attachment)
- XI. OESU Updates
 - A. Did not have a quorum, so were unable to have any votes
 - B. Talked about budgetary items and the information we are waiting for
 - C. Discussed working out a way to have a capital fund balance for contingency for the SU.
 - D. Employee Data Survey, basically on school climate, which will be shared in February
- XII. VSBA Update
 - A. Shared plaque that the Board had been presented for Exceptional Leadership
 - B. Judy Murray, Emilie Knisley, and Angeline Ailey went to the regional VSBA conference.
 - 1. Panel Discussions were held on:
 - a. Proficiency Based Learning, which some schools love, and one which did not
 - b. Portrait of a Graduate workshop—pushing toward science, math, and technology
 - 3. VSAC workshop looked at graduation rates.
 - a. Can only look at 2 and 4-year programs, and not certificate programs.
 - b. Hoping to add that data.
 - c. Advanced math—algebra 2 and above—especially with boys—is an indicator of increased enrollment in college.
 - b. STEM classes in high school are very important
- XIII. Action Item
 - A. Motion by Julie Oliver, seconded by Sara Dennis to accept the retirement of Cathy Bisson, with regret. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- XIV. Executive Session 313 a. (7) student records
 - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Julie Oliver to enter Executive Session at 7:05 PM pursuant to VSA 313 a. (7) student records. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Exit Executive Session at 7:17 PM
- XV. Action
 - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Julie Oliver, in the best interest of Student X, the Board will allow the Student to remain at BMU for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

- XVI. Executive Session 313 a. (1) contracts
 - A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Kelsey Root-Winchester to enter Executive Session pursuant to VSA 313 a. (1) contracts at 7:18 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Exit Executive Session at 8:02 PM
- XVII. Action
 - A. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Kelsey Root-Winchester to amend the current Master Contract for donation of sick days. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- XVIII. Executive Session 313 (b) Personnel
 - A. Motion by Kelsey Root-Winchester, seconded by Kristen Murray to enter Executive Session pursuant to VSA 313 (b) Personnel at 8:03 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Exit Executive Session at 8:40 PM.
- XIX. Discussed future dates for a meeting around food service.
 - A. No agreement was made
 - B. Meeting date will be announced
- XX. January Board meetings will be January 8th and January 15th
- XXI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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.



Angeline Alley <angeline.alley@bmschool.org>

Early Retirement extension

11 messages

Angeline Alley <angeline.alley@bmschool.org> Wed, Nov 27, 2019 at 8:00 AM
 To: Paul Hazel <paul.hazel@bmschool.org>, Judy Murray <judy.murray@bmschool.org>, Julie Oliver <julie.oliver@bmschool.org>, Kelsey Root-Winchester <kelsey.root-winchester@bmschool.org>, Sara Dennis <sara.dennis@bmschool.org>, Wade Parker <wade.parker@bmschool.org>, Allison Ingerson <allison.ingerson@bmschool.org>, Kristen Murray <kristen.murray@bmschool.org>
 Cc: Melanie Elliott <melanie.elliott@oesu.org>, Emilie Knisley <emilie.knisley@oesu.org>

Good morning,

Please respond (yes or no) to the following question no later than Friday 11/29, 9am.

I agree to extend the early retirement notification until January 6, 2020 for all BMEA members.

Angeline

Allison Ingerson <allison.ingerson@bmschool.org> Wed, Nov 27, 2019 at 8:02 AM
 To: Angeline Alley <angeline.alley@bmschool.org>
 Cc: Emilie Knisley <emilie.knisley@oesu.org>, Judy Murray <judy.murray@bmschool.org>, Julie Oliver <julie.oliver@bmschool.org>, Kelsey Root-Winchester <kelsey.root-winchester@bmschool.org>, Kristen Murray <kristen.murray@bmschool.org>, Melanie Elliott <melanie.elliott@oesu.org>, Paul Hazel <paul.hazel@bmschool.org>, Sara Dennis <sara.dennis@bmschool.org>, Wade Parker <wade.parker@bmschool.org>

Yes!

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Judy Murray <judy.murray@bmschool.org> Wed, Nov 27, 2019 at 4:50 PM
 To: Angeline Alley <angeline.alley@bmschool.org>

Yes

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Julie Oliver <julie.oliver@bmschool.org> Thu, Nov 28, 2019 at 7:50 AM
 To: Allison Ingerson <allison.ingerson@bmschool.org>
 Cc: Angeline Alley <angeline.alley@bmschool.org>, Emilie Knisley <emilie.knisley@oesu.org>, Judy Murray <judy.murray@bmschool.org>, Kelsey Root-Winchester <kelsey.root-winchester@bmschool.org>, Kristen Murray <kristen.murray@bmschool.org>, Melanie Elliott <melanie.elliott@oesu.org>, Paul Hazel <paul.hazel@bmschool.org>, Sara Dennis <sara.dennis@bmschool.org>, Wade Parker <wade.parker@bmschool.org>

Specific to kitchen staff and "extraordinary circumstances" in reference to the abbey group consideration?

Yes

Sara Dennis <sara.dennis@bmschool.org> Thu, Nov 28, 2019 at 4:02 PM
 To: Julie Oliver <julie.oliver@bmschool.org>
 Cc: Allison Ingerson <allison.ingerson@bmschool.org>, Angeline Alley <angeline.alley@bmschool.org>, Emilie Knisley <emilie.knisley@oesu.org>, Judy Murray <judy.murray@bmschool.org>, Kelsey Root-Winchester <kelsey.root-winchester@bmschool.org>, Kristen Murray <kristen.murray@bmschool.org>, Melanie Elliott <melanie.elliott@oesu.org>, Paul Hazel <paul.hazel@bmschool.org>, Wade Parker <wade.parker@bmschool.org>

Yes II

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Wade Parker <wade.parker@bmschool.org> Fri, Nov 29, 2019 at 6:35 AM
 To: Sara Dennis <sara.dennis@bmschool.org>
 Cc: Allison Ingerson <allison.ingerson@bmschool.org>, Angeline Alley <angeline.alley@bmschool.org>, Emilie Knisley <emilie.knisley@oesu.org>, Judy Murray <judy.murray@bmschool.org>, Julie Oliver <julie.oliver@bmschool.org>, Kelsey Root-Winchester <kelsey.root-winchester@bmschool.org>, Kristen Murray <kristen.murray@bmschool.org>, Melanie Elliott <melanie.elliott@oesu.org>, Paul Hazel <paul.hazel@bmschool.org>

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 Regards,

Wade Parker

Kelsey Root-Winchester <kelsey.root-winchester@bmschool.org> Fri, Nov 29, 2019 at 11:41 AM
 To: Wade Parker <wade.parker@bmschool.org>
 Cc: Sara Dennis <sara.dennis@bmschool.org>, Allison Ingerson <allison.ingerson@bmschool.org>, Angeline Alley <angeline.alley@bmschool.org>, Emilie Knisley <emilie.knisley@oesu.org>, Judy Murray <judy.murray@bmschool.org>, Julie Oliver <julie.oliver@bmschool.org>, Kristen Murray <kristen.murray@bmschool.org>, Melanie Elliott <melanie.elliott@oesu.org>, Paul Hazel <paul.hazel@bmschool.org>

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*“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*



Scott Blood, ME.D
PreK-6 Principal

John L. Barone, Sr., Ed.D
7-12 Principal
Director of Curriculum

Parrish Eiskamp
Dean of Students

BMU School Counseling Department School Board Report Fall 2019

Hello from the BMU School Counseling Department. We have had an extremely busy fall this year. Here is a snapshot of what we have been up to.

PreK-6:

- Weekly lessons are taught in grades K,1,2,3,5, and 6 and focus on school PBiS expectations and monthly character traits of respect, responsibility, perseverance, generosity, fairness, empathy, honest, and self-control. As part of the BMU evaluation process Mrs. Gandin has committed to spending every morning with the 4th grade. During morning meeting time the classroom teachers and Mrs. Gandin present PBiS expectations and character traits in a variety of ways trying to developing a more cohesive, caring and positive classroom environment.
- An average of 15 students per week is seen individually for counseling needs.
- Daily lunch group with 5-6 students.
- Sgt. Rachel Harness from the Grafton County Department of Corrections has been in K-4 classrooms presenting “Operation Impact” lessons on bullying, cyber-bullying, stranger danger, and kindness.
- Assisted Cindy Fagnant in identifying 37 children in need of clothing from the Lion’s Club Christmas Project.
- Rachel Roberts, student at NVU, will be completing an 80 hour field work assignment next week.
- Work collaboratively with Little Rivers and Clara Martin counselors.
- As part of the area Crisis Team, Mrs. Gandin and Mrs. Blanchard offered support to students and staff after the death of Brian O’Farrell, St. J Academy school counselor.
- Attend monthly counseling cohort meetings in St. Johnsbury, under the supervision of Sylvia Bedor.

Middle School:

The 8th grade students attended the Kingdom Career Connect on the campus of Northern Vermont University: Lyndon Campus on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Students attended career based workshops, exposing students to various career opportunities. This also allowed BMU students exposure to a college campus. Our 8th grade students represented the BMU community extremely well.

On Monday, October 21, 2019 a group of middle school students attended a training day in Montpelier for “Getting to Y.” The day was filled with orientation activities such as icebreakers, group work regarding assessing

Julie Gandin
PreK-6 School Counselor
Director

Kate Dunn
School Nurse

Dawn Blanchard
7-12 School Counselor

Todd Powers
Technology & Athletic

data, and an exploration of the path that the BMU team will be taking this year. The team is awaiting the release of data, and will be meeting in January to continue their work with the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

High School:

Many colleges have visited BMU this fall. BMU students have had the opportunity to meet with admissions counselors to learn more about their post-secondary options. Colleges who have visited include: University of Southern Maine, Southern New Hampshire University, University of Vermont, Husson University, Northern Vermont University, Castleton University, Vermont Technical Center, White Mountain Community College, and the University of Maine.

BMU Students also went to the New England Association for College Admissions Counseling College Fair held on Thursday, September 9, 2019. Students got a firsthand look at the campus of Saint Michael's College, as well as had the opportunity to meet with representatives from over 150 colleges and universities. Students enjoyed getting the exposure to so many schools in one location. This is definitely a trip BMU will be attending annually!

The Class of 2020 has received notifications regarding scholarships as soon as they come in. VSAC mailed BMU the Scholarships for Vermonters Booklet, to which all seniors have received. Students have also attended VSAC sponsored events including: Managing College Costs, and College Forms Night. Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Blanchard are working hard to support the seniors in their final year at BMU. Seniors are filling out college/university applications, and quickly being accepted to many of the schools they are applying to.

BMU High School students were given the opportunity to take the PSAT's (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) in October and the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) in November. Results will be reported to students in December.

2019-2020 Blue Mountain Union School Tuition Student Listing

District	GRADE	# of Students	Tuition per student	Total Tuition Revenue	
Barnet School District	Grade 9	1	16,050.00	16,050.00	
	Grade 10	1	16,050.00	16,050.00	
	Grade 11	0	16,050.00	-	
	Grade 12	3	16,050.00	48,150.00	
Caledonia Central SD	Grade 9	0	16,050.00	-	
	Grade 10	0	16,050.00	-	
	Grade 11	1	16,050.00	16,050.00	
	Grade 12	0	16,050.00	-	
Monroe School District	Grade 9	1	16,050.00	16,050.00	
	Grade 10	0	16,050.00	-	
	Grade 11	0	16,050.00	-	
	Grade 12	0	16,050.00	-	
Waits River Valley SD	Grade 9	0	16,050.00	-	
	Grade 10	1	16,050.00	16,050.00	
	Grade 11	0	16,050.00	-	
	Grade 12	2	16,050.00	32,100.00	
		10		160,500.00	2020 Actual
				192,600.00	2020 Budget
				(32,100.00)	Variance

Blue Mountain Union School Enrollment by Grade Level

Fall Census 2019				
EEE	5			
Pre-K	29			
Kindergarten	33			
1st Grade	23			
2nd Grade	29			
3rd Grade	27			
4th Grade	29			
5th Grade	30			
6th Grade	25			
7th Grade	32			
8th Grade	33			
9th Grade	31			
10th Grade	40			
11th Grade	23			
12th Grade	30			
	419			

Outside Report?

Annual Report Deadlines

December 2019 – March 2020

Wednesday, December 18 – Judy

- **E-mail all administrators and let them know the deadline for getting their reports to me.**
- **Contact Toni Dyer to see if she can come to the OESU Central Office and do the 1st and 2nd proofing of the report. I will bring the report to her periodically to proof as needed.**
- **Ask Angeline what she would like to see on the cover this year.**

Thursday, January 2 - Judy

- **Talk to Tracy about pictures from the journalism class.**
- **Call Browns to discuss dates and deadlines.**
- **Call the three town offices and remind them that we need the names and addresses of all voters as soon as they have their final list. The deadline for these will be Thursday, January 30. Discuss the formatting needed by Browns.**

Thursday, January 9 – Everything that is to be included in the report has been given to Judy (except for financial information).

Thursday, January 9 – Judy gives John Munson the information concerning the cover so he can start working on it.

Thursday, January 9 – Monday, January 20 – Judy formats the report.

Wednesday, January 15 – Judy has the warning/warnings ready for the board to vote on at their board meeting. This is the final day that this can be done.

Thursday, January 16 – Deadline for all Board members who had not signed the warrant the night before to sign it. They need to come to the OESU Central Office to do this by 3:30 pm.

Friday, January 17 - Judy gets the Warning to The Bridge Weekly for their paper on Thursday, January 23.

Friday, January 17 - Judy gets the Warning to the Caledonia Record for their paper on Saturday, January 25.

Monday, January 20 – Judy completes the first draft of the report.

Thursday, January 23 and Friday, January 24 - Judy delivers the Warning to the three town clerks to distribute to three locations in their towns. Judy also prints and delivers the ballots to the town clerks. At this time, she reminds the three towns that she will need a voter checklist from them on Friday, February 28 for the annual meeting. They are reminded that we need the names and addresses of all the voters for Browns for the report by Thursday, January 30.

Thursday, January 23 - Warning is in the Bridge Weekly.

Between Tuesday, January 21 and Saturday, January 25 - Toni Dyer comes to the OESU office and does the 1st and 2nd proofing of the report.

Tuesday, January 21 – Friday, January 31 – This is the 30 to 40 day window that we have to get the meeting properly warned.

Saturday, January 25 - Warning in the Caledonia Record

Monday, January 27 – After Toni has finished proofing and all the corrections have been made, the report is e-mailed to the Board and Administration for reviewing. All comments and corrections need to be given to Judy (via telephone or e-mail) by Wednesday morning (29th) at 8:00 a.m. These corrections may only be minor ones at this point as there is no time to redo the report.

Thursday, January 30 – Name and addresses from the three towns are received in the office and proofed.

Thursday, January 30 - Judy finishes formatting the report and PDF's the first draft and the addresses to Browns.

Monday, February 3 - Judy receives our first draft back from Browns. Administration looks at it for the final time and Judy sends it back to Browns at the end of the day. Judy gets the final quote for postage from Jim Brown and sends him the check for that in advance.

Wednesday, February 5 – Browns begins the printing process. They then mail the reports to the voters and Judy picks up the extra copies. The report has to be in the voter's hands by Thursday, February 20.

Thursday, February 20 – The last day that the voters can receive the annual report.

Friday, February 28 – Judy makes sure we have the final copy of the voter's checklist from the three towns. This is for our annual meeting in case we have a vote that is called for.

Monday, March 2 – BMU Annual Meeting (Judy makes sure we have the voter's checklist, ballot box, lock and key, paper and pencils.)

Tuesday, March 3 – Budget Vote

ORANGE EAST SUPERVISORY UNION EXPENSES					
DETERMINATION OF AN SU MINIMUM FUND BALANCE POLICY					
Nov-19					
	PAYABLES	PAYROLL	HRA CLAIMS	PREFUNDING	
JULY	206,756.07	140,796.98	5,916.29	2,890.00	
AUGUST	969,067.46	101,681.49	7,604.99	2,890.00	
SEPTEMBER	386,814.38	402,836.49	5,633.16	2,890.00	
OCTOBER	524,405.38	307,473.56	6,273.33	2,890.00	
TOTAL 4 MONTHS	2,087,043.29	952,788.52	# 25,427.77	11,560.00	
AVERAGE PER MONTH	521,760.82	238,197.13	# 6,356.94	2,890.00	

