

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Garvin Library

February 5, 2020

Present:

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

Administration: Emilie Knisley, John Barone, Scott Blood

Others: Beth Fraser, Kimberly French, Jennifer Reeve, and other members of the public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair. Those present were welcomed, and the agenda was reviewed. The following were added to the agenda:
 - A. Action Item—Farm to School
 - B. Action—Panama Trip in 2021
 - C. Executive Session—Student Records and Contracts
 - D. Other Business—after Executive Session
- II. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Kelsey Root-Winchester to approve the Board minutes of January 15, 2020. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- III. Eye on Education
 - A. Presentation by Global Explorers—Beth Fraser, Kimberly French, and a student
 1. A slide show and video were shared of highlights of their recent trip to Spain, Italy, the Vatican, and France
 2. Brought a proposal of a trip to Panama in 2021 during J Term
 - B. Draft Curriculum Senior Seminar '20-'21
 1. Dr. John Barone and Jennifer Reeve presented
 2. Outline of what Seniors need as they move out into the “real” world
 3. Aligned to the curriculum—Government, The Legal System, Personal Finance
 - C. BMU Graduation Proficiencies Overview—Jen Reeve
 1. Reviewed the rubric used when students present their BMU Graduation Proficiencies
 2. Shared samples of students’ sharing of their transferable skills and the indicators
- IV. Correspondence
 - A. Poster was received from sixth grade class, made during Kindness Week, thanking the School Board
- V. OESU Update—no report because meeting was cancelled last night
- VI. VSBA Update
 - A. Looking at way to study special education
 - B. School meals bill—two in the Senate
 - C. Farm to School
 - D. Talking of gradually increasing the required age of school attendance
- VII. Public Participation--None

- VIII. Action Items
- A. Farm to School
 1. OESU has received a grant to move forward with Farm to School.
 2. Met this morning to incorporate Farm to School here at BMU.
 3. Asked for a Board member volunteer.
 4. Will assess food service program and will look to improve food service program, using more locally grown food and increasing student participation
 5. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Judy Murray to appoint Kelsey Root-Winchester to the BMU Food to School Committee. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Kelsey Root-Winchester)
 - B. Panama Trip—Motion by Kristen Murray, seconded by Judy Murray to approve the Panama Trip for J-Term 2021.
 1. Kristen Murray commented regarding the importance of prior learning about an area before going on the trip.
 2. Fundraising was discussed.
 3. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously
- IX. Executive Session
- A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Kristen Murray to move into Executive Session at 7:14 PM pursuant to VSBA 313 a. (7) student records. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. The Board voted to exit Executive Session at 7:21 PM
 - C. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Kelsey Root-Winchester to move into Executive Session at 7:22 PM pursuant to VSBA 313 a. (1) contracts
 - D. The Board voted to exit Executive Session at 8:10 PM
- X. Action
- A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Kristen Murray to deny the parent’s request for tuition waiver. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Motion by Alison Ingerson, seconded by Kristen Murray to authorize the Superintendent to sign Dr. Barone’s contract. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - C. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Judy Murray to approve the curriculum for Senior Seminar ‘20-‘21. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- XI. Other Business
- A. Discussion of preparing for presenting the budget to the voters.
 1. The Community Relations Community will work on this.
 2. The CRC will meet February 10th at 5:00 PM at the Wells River Wellness Center.
 - B. BMU’s Annual Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on March 6, 2020
- XII. Motion by Kristen Murray, seconded by Judy Murray to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 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.