

BMU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom

October 7, 2020

Present:

Board Members: Angeline Alley, Sara Dennis, Paul Hazel, Judy Murray, Kristen Murray, Allana Page, Kelsey Root-Winchester, Sarah Sanders

Administration: Emilie Knisley, John Barone, Scott Blood

Others: Amy Emerson, Tracy Puffer, and other members of the public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair. The agenda was reviewed and approved. The Panama trip and Correspondence were flip-flopped.
- II. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Allana Page to approve the Board minutes of September 2, 2020. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Judy Murray)
- III. Global Explorer—Panama Trip
 - A. Dr. John Barone: The Board approved a trip to Panama for 2021, but it has had to be cancelled. The State Dept. of Ed and Sec. of Education French say that international travel is not encouraged. After recommendations from the AOE and the State Dept. that international travel is not encouraged, the administration informed advisors and students that the Panama trip is cancelled because we don't know where we will be in the spring, if a vaccine will be available, and if it would be safe to send students into that country. A \$500 cancellation fee was assessed to each student by the company setting up the tour. When students signed up for the trip, they agreed to a fee of \$95 if they cancelled their trip. The company has offered a voucher for a future trip, which is good for two years. There was discussion of the possibility of how best to handle this and whether the school could reimburse the \$500 fee minus the \$95. Dr. Barone noted that all school trips are currently cancelled and may be next year, as well.
- IV. Correspondence:
 - A. Response from Daryl Sulham regarding questions that were asked last time.
 1. Judy Murray: Thinking about the length of time the roof will last with the maintenance procedures that are taking place. A. Alley will ask D. Sulham the question.
 2. Emilie Knisley: conversation about the roof has been going on about 10 years. The Board may want to start banking some money for that.
- V. Principal Report
 - A. A printed report was submitted. Paul Hazel: asked about staffing, both vacancies and filled positions. John Barone: We have hired two long-term subs for vacancies and one building based sub. One teaching position has been filled internally.
 1. Scott Blood: Two subs started on Monday. So far they are starting in nicely.J. Barone: Attended 6 classes remotely on Wednesday. One sub is working with a teacher on maternity leave and following the regular teacher's lesson plans.

2. Paul Hazel: What is the status of occasional subs? S. Blood: We are struggling. Now that we have hired the third building-based sub, that will help.

3. Kristen Murray: If we go back to a 5-day schedule, do we have the capacity to do that? S. Blood: Feels that yes, we can. J. Barone: If we go back to 5 days a week, we're ready.

4. A. Alley: How are staff members feeling about the remote teaching on Wednesdays? J. Barone: Is really impressed with the classes he's visited on Wednesdays. The teachers are working hard. He is proud of our staff. Good instruction is going on. A. Alley: Appreciates the teachers and their dedication.

5. Judy Murray: How are the content maps meshing with the K-12 curricula? J. Barone: OESU adopted a math curriculum, which we are not a part of for two more years, as we are in a contract with Big Ideas. As OESU is adopting curricula, we will be a part of that. S. Blood: In Math SU-wide we are working on our approach to math.

6. J. Murray: How is bussing going? How will that work as it gets colder? S. Blood: 4 windows will be kept open on each side to keep fresh air circulating.

VI. Dean of Students Report

A. The Board members did not have questions about the printed report

VII. OESU Report

A. No meeting last night for lack of a quorum

VIII. VSBA Report

A. Judy Murray: We are now part of Kingdom South District. Mark Clough from Peacham and Judy Murray are on the Board. Annual meeting is coming up, and J. Murray plans to attend virtually.

IX. Public Participation--None

X. Negotiations

A. They are wrapped up, and the Board and the BMEA have agreed to a 2-year contract. There will be a 3% increase for both ESP and Staff members. A. Alley thanked the BMEA for the cordial and amicable atmosphere.

XI. Action Items

A. Transfer General Fund to Food Service

1. Motion by P. Hazel, seconded by K. Murray to transfer \$28,578.61 from the General Fund to Food Service. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

B. Ratify Teachers/ESP Contracts

1. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Kelsey Root-Winchester to ratify the Teachers/ESP contracts. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

C. Appoint voting delegate and alternate for VSBA

1. Motion by Allana Page, seconded by Sara Dennis to appoint Judy Murray as delegate to the VSBA and Angeline Alley as alternate. Motion carried with one abstention (A. Alley)

D. Motion by Kristen Murray, seconded by Kelsey Root-Winchester to authorize the Superintendent to approve a one-time reimbursement in an amount not to exceed \$405.00 per student for cancellation fees assessed as a result of the Administration's decision to cancel the School Board approved Panama trip and a student's decision to

decline the optional voucher. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Judy Murray)

XII. Executive Session—none needed

XIII. Other Business

A. The Board would like an opportunity to meet the new Staff members.

B. Probably there is no longer a need for the CRC to send a post card to families with FAQ on COVID issues

C. The Board retreat will be an SU-wide retreat

D. Kristen Murray thanked the administration in general for the work they have done setting up the option for students to be in-person, remote learning, or a combination of the two

E. Until OUUSD has a budget, River Bend doesn't have a budget. They are not in the same possible situation as other entities, but are still operating at 87% of last year's budget like the rest of the district

XIV. November Agenda

A. Update from River Bend

B. Dawn Blanchard has a great video to show to students from other districts to encourage them to come to BMU.

C. COVID related costs for BMU

D. Fall local assessment

E. Food Service and Athletics (winter sports)

XV. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Kristen Murray to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 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.