

## BMU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom

February 3, 2021

Present:

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

Administration:

Others: Coco Huang

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair. Those present were welcomed. The Agenda was reviewed, and the OESU Update was removed from the agenda
- II. Motion by Allana Page, seconded by Kelsey Root-Winchester to approve the minutes with the correction to replace “Public Relations Committee” with “Community Relations Committee” in IV, A, 4. Motion voted on approved unanimously as corrected.
- III. Correspondence: None
- IV. Principals’ Report. A printed report had been submitted.
  - A. Kelsey Root-Winchester: The new course of study has some excellent new offerings. She is curious about staffing. Angeline Alley: Really likes the SNHU classes. She also likes the History of Rock and the new accounting and practical math courses.
  - B. Paul Hazel: Is there a curriculum for all these courses? Kristen Murray: believes there is a structured curriculum.
  - C. Judy Murray: hopes that Dawn Blanchard, Secondary Guidance Counselor, will be offering SAT prep.
  - D. Kelsey Root-Winchester: wondered about hiring a Spanish teacher. A. Alley: that has been posted and will get posted again toward spring.
  - E. Kristen Murray asked Student Rep Coco Huang for her thoughts on the new course offerings. Coco Huang: Feels the new additions will be good.
- V. Food Service: Two of the five ladies in food service are retiring. Angeline Alley: Does the Board want to look again at sourcing out food service? Paul Hazel: We should at least look at it. Kristen Murray: also feels we should review it, for fiduciary reasons. Angeline Alley: Feels there are two options—outsource it or hire replacements for the two retirees.
- VI. VSBA Update: Judy Murray reported that the VSBA is concerned with health care. There are two competing bills, one supported by VT-NEA and the other supported by VSBA. There is an upcoming meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> at which time the weighting study will be discussed.
- VII. Action Items
  - A. Because of COVID, ballots do not need to be co-mingled this year. They can be counted in the respective towns. The results will only be reported to Clerk Janet Page, and this info is confidential. There will be separate counters for town votes and separate counters for school votes, which have 3 additional articles. Janet Page will report the total number of votes from each town for each of the articles. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Judy Murray that ballots for the 2021 voting year not be co-

mingled and that they be counted in the individual towns. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

VIII. Other Business: The Chair thanked Judy Colby and Sherry Hoyt for getting the Annual report together on such short notice.

A. The Board also congratulated Julie Gandin, who was recognized Monday with the Elementary Guidance Counselors' Lifetime Achievement Award.

IX. Executive Session

A. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Kristen Murray to move into Executive Session at 6:24 PM pursuant to VSA 313. (a) (1) to discuss Contracts. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

B. The Board exited Executive Session at 7:18 PM.

X. Action—None taken

XI. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Allana Page to adjourn at 7:19 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.**