

BMU BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom

May 5, 2021

Present:

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

Administration: Bruce Williams, John Barone, Scott Blood

Others: Allyson Coburn, and other members of the public

- I. The meeting was called to order by Asst. Superintendent Bruce Williams at 6:01 PM. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Allana Page to nominate Angeline Alley as Board Chair. Nomination voted on and approved with one abstention (Angeline Alley)
- II. Board Reorganization
 - A. Motion by Angeline Alley to nominate Paul Hazel as Vice Chair. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Motion by Paul Hazel to nominate Kelsey Root-Winchester as Board Secretary. Nomination voted on and approved unanimously
 - C. Agenda Review: The Climate Survey will be deferred to June
 - D. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Kelsey Root-Winchester to approve the Board minutes of April 7, 2021. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Sara Dennis)
 - E. Correspondence: none
- III. Principals' Report
 - A. Kristen Murray: asked for clarification of results of STAR and POA assessments. John Barone: both STAR and POA show an individual student's growth and areas of need.
 1. K. Murray: How do we use that data to move that needle? How do we determine if it's student population? Curriculum? J. Barone: POA and STAR are both one snapshot. Administrators and team leaders go back 4-5 years to follow the growth of a group of students. If we see the trajectory flatline, we look at individual scores to see how they perform. We check on program change, curriculum change. STAR lets the teacher drill down to the individual student level. However, every year the target moves. It depends on the class and on the consistency of the curriculum. The POA assessment is being administered this month.
 - B. Only two positions are still left to fill, the food service director and a 1st grade teacher. This is Teacher Appreciation Week, so the Chair gave a reminder to send a note or email to show appreciation to the teachers.
 1. Kristen Murray: Ordered carnations to give to teachers to express our thanks.
- IV. OESU Update: Judy Murray
 - A. There was Board reorganization, and Angeline Alley was re-elected as Chair, Judy Murray was re-elected Vice Chair, and Danielle Corti was elected Secretary.

- B. The Board was given a financial update. At the SU level, finances are looking very good and are less than 1% off from the budget.
- C. The Board passed some recommended policies, which will be coming to the BMU Board in the future.
- D. They were given a review of Climate Survey results, and these will be coming to BMU next month.
- E. There will be a public meeting at the June meeting to discuss how ESSER and other incoming grant moneys will be used.
- F. The date of OESU meetings have been changed to the third Tuesday

V. VSBA Update

- A. If anyone has suggestions for resolutions, please let Judy Murray know.

VI. Action Items

A. The Coalition for Vermont Student Equity

- 1. Motion by Kelsey Root-Winchester, seconded by Judy Murray to adopt the following: Therefore, be it resolved, the Blue Mountain Union School District hereby joins with other Vermont school boards to advocate to the Vermont legislature for the adoption of the recommendations of the Vermont Pupil Weighting Factors Report (Act 173 of 2018, Sec. 11). Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

B. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Judy Murray to set substitute pay rate at \$13.50 per hour, going into effect July 1st. Nurse substitutes would be paid \$160 per day, custodial and food service substitute pay would be set at \$13.25. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

- 1. Scott Blood: Long-term subs are working under a contract.

C. Policies. Paul Hazel, Judy Murray, and Bruce Williams met tonight before the meeting.

- 1. Motion by Allana Page, seconded by Kristen Murray to adopt the following policies and approve the following procedures. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

2.	OESU	Old BMU code	Policy
	A1	1070	Conflict of Interest
	B1	5130	Substitute Teachers
	B2	5760	Volunteers and Work Study Students
	B3	5170	Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace
	B5	5950	Employee Unlawful Harassment
	B7	4360	Tobacco Prohibition
	C1	4800	Student Records
	C3	6550	Transportation
	C4	2700	English Learners
	C5	4342	Firearms
	C6	2466	Home Study Students
	C7	4100	Student Attendance
	C8	2465	Pupil Privacy

C9	2340	Nutrition & Wellness
C10	4905	Prevention of Harassment, Hazing & Bullying Policy
C10-P	4905p	Prevention of Harassment, Hazing & Bullying Procedures
D3	2454	Responsible Computer Internet & Network Use
D5	2453	Animal Dissection
D6	2025	Class Size Policy
E1	7510, 7510A	Title 1 Parental Involvement Compacts
F1	5121P	Travel Reimbursement

VII. Public Participation--None

VIII. Executive Session—none needed

IX. Other Business:

- A. Another representative is still needed from Groton to replace Sara Sanders.
- B. Bruce Williams: Last week we got good news that the Fed. Govt, through the State of VT, will be continuing the summer meals program through '21-'22.
- C. Judy Murray: The Policy committee will meet before the next meeting to go over policies to be considered at that meeting

X. Motion by Paul Hazel, seconded by Kristen Murray to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 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.