

May 17, 2021

Blue Mountain Union School Board
2420 Route 302
Wells River, VT 05081

Dear Board of Directors;

I am writing to inform you of my intent to retire from my position as Director of Buildings & Grounds at the end of the FY 2020 – 2021 school year, with June 30, 2021 being my last day of service. I had intended on retiring last year, however once the COVID-19 crisis arose, I knew that it was not the time to leave the school under such unprecedented circumstances. Although life isn't completely back to normal it seems to be headed in that direction, and hopefully the worst is behind us. I feel now is the time after a total of forty years service (two years previous as maintenance/grounds custodian FY 1978-1980) to the district to step down and give someone else a chance at the helm, and maybe I can put my years of experience and skills to good use on my own homestead and/or go fishing.

I want to thank all those whom I have worked with and served the school district, whether as a board member, administrator, or staff member, both past and present, for all these years for providing the opportunities for me to learn and grow both personally and professionally. I am also very thankful for the years of support for the Plant Operations Department and our mission to maintain these facilities and provide a clean, healthy and safe environment for all that use them. Last but not least I am thankful for the generous administrative severance/retirement package that will play an essential role in my transition from a full time employee to a civilian on a fixed income.

I realize this position may require some time to fill, and while I look forward to my retirement and drop in my stress level, I will miss some aspects of the job, mainly the hands on repair and servicing of equipment, as well as the socialization aspect with my colleges here at BMU. I have assured the administration that I would make myself available to assist with any questions, situations or emergencies that may arise during the hiring process and transition period, as well as some part time-work on various projects, and maybe even some very limited work as a maintenance substitute if needed in the future.

Sincerely



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