I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair

II. Consent Agenda
   a. Motion by Brenda Powers, seconded by Angeline Alley to approve the minutes of December 20, 2011. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Hank Eaton)
   b. Orders were approved by committee

III. Administration Reports
   a. Supt. Richard Pike
      i. Has received word from Cassandra Ryan, VT DOE, that we may be eligible for some reimbursement for the work done on repairs for the heating system (possibly 30%)
      ii. January 18th is the deadline for finalizing the warning
   b. Principal Brian Rayburn
      i. Highlighted upcoming schedule
      ii. Congratulated recipients of Student of the Month (Krystina Crews, Lauren Lamberton, and Taylor Lamberton) and Staff Member of the month (Donna Ashford) for December
   c. Assistant Principal Milt Doda
      i. Presented a report on school climate, comparing the past two years

IV. FY 13 Budget
   a. Lucas Barrett made a presentation on budget comparison figures
      i. Discussed the two-vote provision
   b. Supt. Pike emphasized the importance of informing the public regarding the budget, using as many avenues as possible
   c. Information shared on Buildings and Grounds Budget, Food Service Budget
   d. Brian Rayburn presented a report on the State of Special Education at BMU
   e. Discussion of the need to publicize the positive things happening at BMU via the website and the newspapers
      i. Set the January 18th Board meeting as a goal to have plans in place to implement this

V. Public Participation—Budget Discussion
VI. New Business
   a. Information was shared about a space in the Baldwin Block in Wells River, which is available for rent
      i. Building and Grounds Committee will put the matter on their agenda

VII. Action Items
   a. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Hank Eaton to authorize a SPED Director search for a .5 FTE position. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
   b. Motion by Hank Eaton, seconded by Chip Conquest to announce Tuition rates will stay the same for 2012 ($11,400 for elementary and $14,000 for secondary). Motion voted on and approved unanimously
   c. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Brenda Powers to adopt the following policies, approve the following procedures, and rescind the following procedure. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
      i. 4150 BMU Student Driving/Use of Parking Lot
      ii. 4150 PrBMU Student Driving/Use of Parking Lot
      iii. 4540 Admission of Non-Resident Tuition Students
      iv. 4540 Pr Admission of Non-Resident Tuition Students
      v. 6320 Grants
      vi. 6320 Pr Grants (Rescission)

VIII. Correspondence—To be taken up in Executive Session
IX. Committee Reports
   a. Curriculum/Policy Joint Meeting met prior to this evening’s Board meeting

X. Review “To Do List”—DONE
XI. Setting the Next Agenda—DONE
XII. Executive Session
   a. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Leo Cota to move into Executive Session at 9:01 PM pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (3) appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board were Richard Pike and Brian Rayburn.
   b. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Leo Cota to exit Executive Session at 9:40 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

XIII. Action
   a. Motion by Brenda Powers, seconded by Hank Eaton to grant an unpaid leave of absence to Employee A for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
   b. Motion by Brenda Powers, seconded by Hank Eaton to approve the contracting of a special educator to take corrective action on the EEE Special Education Audit, not to exceed $5,000. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

Voted to adjourn at 9:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy N. Perkins, Minutes Clerk

The minutes are in draft format and are unofficial until formally approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.