I. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair

II. Consent Agenda
a. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Candy Peck to approve the minutes of March 5, 2012. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

b. Motion by Candy Peck, seconded by Chip Conquest to approve the minutes of March 7, 2012 with the following corrections: Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Chip Conquest)
   i. Article I .a. i should note that abstention was by Bruce Stevens instead of by Tom Page
   ii. Article I. a. iv should be deleted
   iii. Article VII. C. i. should have “Board and” inserted before “Administration”

c. Orders were approved by committee

III. Administration Reports
a. Principal Brian Rayburn shared a written report
   i. Shared copies of an article in the Burlington Free Press showing that BMU placed in the top ten public schools in VT with the best math scores on the 11th grade NECAP tests, as well as in the top ten public schools in VT with the best math scores for 11th grade students having free or reduced lunch
   ii. Last day of school will be June 6th, and it will be an early release day
   iii. As part of Corrective Action Plan in relation to our EEE Special Education services, the entire BMU special education teaching staff/case managers will be trained on proper IEP procedure from CST process through writing the IEP
   iv. Proposed Support Staff Evaluation plan has been tabled by BMEA

b. Supt. Richard Pike
   i. Suggested that a future retreat be devoted to curriculum
   ii. Update on Director of Special Services Search
      1. Executive Committee meeting on March 29, 2012 at 8:00 PM to meet with a candidate
      2. Wishes to start Principal Search as soon as this position is filled
iii. Summary at next Board meeting of work being done by Superintendents’ collaborative

b. Business Manager Lucas Barrett
   i. Has been working on Special Education expenditures report
   ii. Discussion of budget projections
   iii. Discussion of the money budgeted for substitutes
   iv. Blue Mtn. Education Foundation has been very generous in funding some enrichment activities

c. Food Service Director Dena Baker
   i. Discussed trends in meal counts over different seasons of the year

IV. Old Business
   a. By consensus, the Board voted that although the After School Program is very needed in our community and an excellent idea, there is not adequate, available space here at BMU during the after school hours
      i. Supt. Pike will draft a letter to send to Cindy Boyce

V. Public Participation
   a. Nicole Hurley, student council representative, shared results of a survey completed by neighboring schools regarding their policy on use of cell phones at school
      i. Supt. Pike invited Nicole to meet with the Policy Committee and bring copies of policies from other schools
   b. Presentation by team of Grades 3 & 4 teachers on “What is Working…” and “What can we improve…” with the present Grade 3-4 program

VI. New Business
   a. Legislative Update by Chip Conquest
      i. Bill proposing replacing the VT Commissioner of Education with a Secretary of Education will be voted on in the next day or two
      ii. Discussed other issues before the Legislature

VII. Correspondence—NONE

VIII. Committee Reports
   a. Food Service Committee met prior to tonight’s Board meeting
      i. Will order steamer and have it delivered after July 1st
      ii. Reported on handling of student outstanding bills, per policy
      iii. Chip Conquest will contact NOFA to invite them to make a presentation to the Board on ways to use local fruits and vegetables in the breakfast/lunch program during the school year
      iv. Discussed implications of lunch schedule during next year’s early release days
   b. Policy Committee met prior to tonight’s Board meeting

IX. Review “To Do List”—DONE

X. Setting the Next Agenda
   a. Appoint Truant Officer
   b. 2012-2013 School Calendar
   c. Evaluations
   d. Comparison Attendance Report
   e. Reminder of dates of April Board meetings set for April 4th and April 11th
Voted to adjourn at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy N. Perkins, Minutes Clerk

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