BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GARVIN LIBRARY
May 2, 2012

Present:
School Board Members: Angeline Alley, Chip Conquest, Leo Cota, Hank Eaton, Tom Page, Brenda Powers, Bruce Stevens
Administration: Richard Pike, Lucas Barrett, Daryl Sulham
Staff: Anne Bergeron, Emilie Knisley, Lynn Lord

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
II. Consent Agenda
   a. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Leo Cota to approve the minutes of April 11, 2012. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
   b. Motion by Brenda Powers, seconded by Angeline Alley to approve the minutes of April 23, 2012. Motion voted on and approved with two abstentions (Chip Conquest, Hank Eaton)
   c. Orders were approved by committee
III. Administration Reports
   a. Lucas Barrett, Business Manager
      i. Discussed Food Service Information and Unemployment Insurance
   b. Supt. Richard Pike
      i. Welcomed Emilie Knisley, who will be under contract as BMU’s principal, effective July 1, 2012
      ii. Staffing hiring is underway
      iii. Commitment to establishing collaborative inter-district initiatives
      iv. Requested that the record show that there are no administrative pay increases for 2012-2013 school year
IV. Old Business—None
V. Public Participation—None
VI. New Business
   a. Anne Bergeron gave an update on the Rowland Grant
      i. Projects supported by the Grant include:
         1. Asian Inspired Outdoor Classroom
         2. Long-term Artist Residency/Sculptor Antoinette Jacobson
         3. Focus on Diversity and Wellness
         4. Physical Activity Trail
         5. Community Advisory Council
         6. Youth and Adults Transforming Schools Together
         7. Foreign Language Cultural Opportunity
         8. Middle School Girls/Boys Summer Workshop
         9. Sister School Project, Tamil Nadu, India
         10. Grades K-4 Multi-Cultural Curriculum
         11. Grade Nine Global Humanities Curriculum
VII. Action Items
a. Motion by Brenda Powers, seconded by Angeline Alley that we enter into an agreement with the VSBIT Unemployment Compensation Program. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
b. Motion by Hank Eaton, seconded by Leo Cota to adopt the following Policies and approve the following Procedures. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. (2386Pr Field Trips was tabled)
   i. 2620 Graduation Exercises
   ii. 5930 Bloodborne Pathogens
   iii. 5930Pr Bloodborne Pathogens
   iv. 6200 Vehicle Idling Other Than School Buses
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   vi. 6312 Fund Balance
c. Motion by Hank Eaton, seconded by Angeline Alley to approve the Support Staff Evaluation document. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
d. Motion by Hank Eaton, seconded by Angeline Alley to approve the amended school calendar for 2012-2013. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
e. Motion by Hank Eaton, seconded by Tom Page to waive the bid process for installing the heating pipe replacement system and to contract with ARC Mechanicals to do the work. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
f. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Leo Cota to accept the proposal for engineering services from Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. for septic system replacement. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
g. Decision on bleachers will be considered at the next Building and Grounds committee meeting on June 6th
h. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Hank Eaton to accept the proposal from Kittredge for purchase of the new kitchen steamer. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

VIII. Correspondence
a. Motion by Leo Cota, seconded by Hank Eaton to accept the resignation of Ben Parker with regret. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
b. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Leo Cota to accept the resignation of Sara Davis. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
c. Communication from Cher Smith, Zoning Administrator for Town of Newbury, regarding a hearing on May 10, 2012 for site plan approval for property owned by John Nininger (whose property abuts the school property)

IX. Committee Reports
a. Policy Committee met prior to tonight’s meeting
   i. Cell phone policy discussion
   ii. Next meeting scheduled for June 6th
b. Building and Grounds Committee met prior to tonight’s meeting
   i. Next meeting set for June 6th
X. Review “To Do List”—DONE
   a. Completed tasks
      i. Calendar Revision
      ii. Support Staff Evaluation
      iii. Unemployment Insurance
      iv. Rowland Foundation Grant

XI. Setting the Next Agenda
   a. Staffing Update
   b. Food Service Information

XII. Executive Session—None needed

Voted to adjourn at 9:09 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.