BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GARVIN LIBRARY
August 15, 2012

Present:
School Board Members: Tom Page, Candy Peck, Ron Phillips, Brenda Powers,
Bruce Stevens
Administration: Richard Pike, Emilie Knisley, Katie Ahern, Lucas Barrett, Lorinda Blood
Staff: None
Public: None

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

II. Consent Agenda
   a. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Brenda Powers to approve the Board
      minutes of July 18, 2012. Motion voted on and approved with two
      abstentions (Tom Page and Ron Phillips)

III. Administration Reports
   a. Katie Ahern, Special Education Director
      i. Reconfiguring the Child Study Team to be an Education Support
         Team
      ii. Reconfiguring the Assessment Team
      1. Services to be data driven
   b. Emilie Knisley, Principal
      i. Group of Seniors attended YATST training at LSC
      ii. Meeting schedule revised to concentrate on transitioning to the
          Common Core
      iii. Handbooks will be in folder on the staff drive
      iv. New Staff orientation on August 22nd
      v. Finished writing GEAR-UP Grant
      vi. Discussed Year One of School Improvement
   c. Lucas Barrett, Business Manager
      i. Three new copiers in the building
      ii. Met with salesman regarding proposal for paperless office system
      iii. New hire processing almost done
   d. Richard Pike, Superintendent
      i. NES/BMU Student Exchange Program has been approved by
         Newbury Board
      ii. Negotiations Session scheduled for tomorrow will not be held
      1. Teams are at impasse and mediation will be next step

IV. Old Business
   a. Driver Education
      i. Scheduling some driver education students with neighboring
         schools was not possible for various reasons
      ii. Class enrollment numbers were reviewed

V. Public Participation—None

VI. Action Items
a. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Ron Phillips to adopt the following policies and approve the following procedures. Motion voted on and approved unanimously:
   i. 1052 Notice of Discrimination
   ii. 4300 Student Conduct and Discipline (Behavior Management)
   iii. 4300 Pr Student Conduct and Discipline (Behavior Management)
   iv. 4330 Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Student Alcohol and Drugs)
   v. 4300 Pr Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Student Alcohol and Drugs)
   vi. 4535 Tuition Payment
   vii. 5950 Employee Harassment
   viii. 5950 Pr Employee Harassment
   ix. 5951 Parental Harassment of Employees
   x. 5951 Pr Parental Harassment of Employees
   xi. 6550 Transportation Services
   xii. 6550 Pr Transportation Services

b. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Brenda Powers to approve the student, employee, and athletic handbooks as presented. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

c. The Board was notified of the class size waiver.

d. Motion by Brenda Powers, seconded by Ron Phillips to grant the request from the VT Dept. of Transportation regarding removal of trees posing a safety concern. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

e. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Candy Peck to grant five additional work days to Lori Blood to facilitate the transition. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

f. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Ron Phillips that Blue Mountain Union High School enter into a member to member agreement with Oxbow High School for the Fall season of 2012 providing students who participate in the football program must meet the academic expectations of both BMU and Oxbow; athletes must provide their own transportation; and Blue Mountain Union High School will provide compensation not to exceed $175.00 per athlete from the athletic dues account. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

g. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Brenda Powers to appoint Lorianne Rowden as Treasurer of the School District, effective August 31, upon the resignation of Lori Blood. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

h. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Ron Phillips to express the appreciation of the Board to Emilie Knisley, Daryl Sulham and his crew, and Todd Powers for their extra work in preparing for Dr. Rowe’s memorial service. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

i. Motion by Brenda Powers, seconded by Tom Page that the Board wishes to acknowledge the passing of two long time public school supporters: Dr. Harry Rowe, who served on our own Board of Education for 61-plus years and was a tireless advocate of forming the unified district and supporter of the renovation project in 1997-1998; and Peter Herman, who served on the Topsham Board and Vermont School Boards Association for
a number of years. Both men served with distinction and courage to make their schools better in their respective communities. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

VII. Correspondence
a. Letter from Ameri-prize National, notifying the Board that BMU was named as a beneficiary in an annuity owned by Dr. Harry M. Rowe.

VIII. Committee Reports
a. The Policy Committee met prior to tonight’s meeting
b. Discussion of progress of the heating system work
c. Discussion of Staff Breakfast on August 23rd

IX. Review “To Do List”—DONE

X. Setting the Next Agenda
a. Pre-Board Meeting on Monday, Aug. 27th at 11:15 AM

XI. Executive Session
a. Motion by Ron Phillips, seconded by Tom Page to move into Executive Session at 7:28 PM, pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (7) academic records or discipline of students. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board were Richard Pike, Emilie Knisley, Katie Ahern, Student A, Student A’s parent, and Student A’s grandparent.
b. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Brenda Powers to exit Executive Session at 8:26 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

XII. Action
a. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Ron Phillips to approve the re-entry of Student A, subject to the terms and conditions discussed in Executive Session. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

XIII. Appreciation
a. Supt. Pike, on behalf of the Board, expressed his sincere appreciation to Lucas Barrett for his work at BMU, for his integrity to the position, and for his integrity as a person.

XIV. Executive Session 313 a 1
a. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Brenda Powers to enter into Executive Session at 9:17 PM, pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (1) contracts, labor relations agreements with employees. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board were Richard Pike, Lucas Barrett, and Lori Blood.
b. Motion by Brenda Powers, seconded by Ron Phillips to exit Executive Session at 9:40 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

XV. Action—None Taken

Voted to adjourn at 9:41 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.