BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GARVIN LIBRARY
September 5, 2012

Present:
School Board Members: Angeline Alley, Chip Conquest, Hank Eaton, Tom Page, Candy Peck, Brenda Powers, Bruce Stevens
Administration: Richard Pike, Emilie Knisley, Katie Ahern, Lori Blood, Kasey Potter, Todd Powers

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair

II. Consent Agenda
   a. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Brenda Powers to approve the Board minutes of August 15, 2012 with correction of two spelling errors (VI. g. “Laurianne” to replace “Lorianne” and VII. a. “Ameri-prise” to replace “Ameri-prize”). Motion voted on and approved with three abstentions (Angeline Alley, Chip Conquest, and Hank Eaton)
   b. Orders were approved by committee

III. Administration Reports
   a. Principal Emilie Knisley reported a smooth opening to the school year
      i. Whole school picture
      ii. Assembly to review standards and expectations for behavior with middle school and high school
      iii. Administrative team meetings have started
      iv. Collecting, collating, and updating achievement data for each student
   b. Special Services Director Katie Ahern
      i. Special Education staff reviewed policies and procedures
      ii. Paraprofessionals trained in the Great Leaps reading program
      iii. Compiling an inventory of assessment tools, instructional materials, and support materials
   c. Business Manager Lori Blood
      i. Bank signature cards to be updated
      ii. It was decided by consensus that donations that have been received in memory of Dr. Rowe will be kept in the Activities Account in a separate line item
      iii. Audit is in process
   d. Superintendent Richard Pike
      i. Collaboration opportunities with Essex Caledonia Supervisory Union are being explored

IV. Old Business—NONE

V. Public Participation
   a. Todd Powers gave a presentation on the phone system and proposed improvements

VI. Action Items
a. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Hank Eaton to accept the proposal for the Charter phone connection. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Brenda Powers)
b. Motion by Tom Page, seconded by Brenda Powers to approve Para 1’s contractual increase of 1 hour per week, increasing his/her annual salary by $696.00 and Para 2’s contractual increase of 1 hour, 15 min. per week, increasing his/her annual salary by $723.00. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
c. Motion by Hank Eaton, seconded by Angeline Alley to increase Employee A’s contract to 1.0 FTE, for the 2012-13 school year, using Rowland Foundation and Medicaid funds to fund the difference. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
d. Agreed by consensus that no meeting will be held on November 21st.
   i. Depending on the need, a decision will be made regarding whether or not to schedule a second Board meeting in November
e. Fall Retreat
   i. One item on the agenda will be the Budget.
   ii. Further plans will be addressed at the next Board meeting

VII. Correspondence
a. Letter of resignation from Lorinda Blood from the position of Treasurer of the BMU School District
b. Thank you notes received from Linda Gooden, Lynn Lord, and Nancy Perkins, expressing appreciation for the Staff Breakfast and for gas cards presented to staff members reaching particular milestones in years of service at BMU

VIII. Committee Reports
a. Budget Committee met prior to tonight’s meeting

IX. Review “To Do List”—Done
a. Review Class List Sizes
b. School Improvement Meeting rescheduled to September 17, 2012

X. Setting the Next Agenda
a. Food Service Transfer
b. Finalize Board Calendar
c. Supervision and Evaluation Update
d. Plan Fall Retreat
e. Senior Open Campus Pr 4105

XI. Executive Session
a. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Chip Conquest to move into Executive Session at 8:10 PM pursuant to VSA Title 1, Section 313 a. (1) labor relation agreements with employees and Section 313 a. (7) student discipline. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Accompanying the Board were Richard Pike, Emilie Knisley, and Katie Ahern.
b. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Hank Eaton to exit Executive Session at 8:29 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

XII. Action—None taken
Voted to adjourn at 8:30 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.