SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BMU Garvin Library  
November 1, 2012

Present:  
School Board Members: Angeline Alley, Chip Conquest, Tom Page, Candy Peck, Ron Phillips, Brenda Powers, Bruce Stevens  
Administration: Richard Pike, Emilie Knisley, Milt Doda, Kasey Potter, Dena Baker, Todd Powers, Daryl Sulham, Lori Blood  
Staff: Beth Austin-Shortt, Sarah Despins, Jennifer Dube, Amy Emerson, Janet Gay, Olin Gay, Kate Lester, Lynn Lord, Tracy Puffer, Jennifer Winchester  
Students: Lana Ricker, Hannah Whitaker  
Public: Tina Fearon, Gary Lamberton, Brent Smith, Claudette Sortino, Don Waterman

I. Meeting called to order at 5:08 PM by Bruce Stevens, Chair
II. Introductory remarks by Supt. Richard Pike  
   a. Shared list of Successful School Indicators
III. Capital Projects Update  
   a. Daryl Sulham gave summary of all capital projects completed  
      i. Water  
      ii. Septic  
      iii. Bleachers and divider curtain  
      iv. Steamer for kitchen
IV. Rowland Grant—updated by Milt Doda  
   a. Entrance gate to Outdoor Classroom is in place  
   b. Artist in residence  
   c. YATST Group  
   d. Yoga teacher starting in elementary classrooms  
   e. PAR Trail  
   f. Multi-Cultural Curriculum materials have been ordered by Elementary teachers
V. Transportation Contract—updated by Supt. Pike  
   a. Will be looking at where would be the most economical place to purchase fuel for the buses
VI. Deficit—updated by Lori Blood  
   a. Manage the deficit from the end of fiscal year ‘12  
   b. Manage expenses of this year  
   c. Look ahead to make a solid plan for the future—a 5-year plan  
   d. Look for creative ideas to increase revenues  
   e. Staff stability and the investment involved
VII. Tuition Students  
   a. Kasey Potter visited Barnet today
VIII. New Leadership Team  
   a. Supt. Pike publicly thanked Lori Blood, who has literally been working seven days a week since coming to work at BMU
IX. Principal’s Report
a. BMU now a VSAC Cohort School—explained by Kasey Potter
   i. Three Dual-enrollment courses available through SNHU—paid for by VSAC Gear-Up Grant
      1. 24 high school students are involved
   ii. $2000 scholarship for each BMU graduate for post grad training or college
b. Initiatives that have begun this year
   i. Common Core (grants)
   ii. EST (Educational Support Team)
   iii. School Improvement
   iv. Training on implementing PLCs (professional learning communities) (grant)
   v. Looking at RTI training this summer (grant)
   vi. Continued work and expansion with PBiS and Rowland
      1. Milt Doda gave an overview of PBiS
c. Some ideas for building stability and building capacity
X. Special Services—report from Katie Ahern and read by Emilie Knisley
XI. Technology—Todd Powers
   a. Camera System: VSBIT Grant
   b. Upgrades: server, phone/internet service, wireless
   c. 1 to 1 Initiative
XII. Food Services—Dena Baker
   a. New Federal guidelines have brought new challenges
   b. Met with Jenny Nelson from Sen. Bernie Sanders’ office
XIII. Improvements for which to strive in the near future—Daryl Sulham
   a. Paving
   b. Roof
   c. Possible space issues
XIV. Two-Vote Provision—Supt. Pike
   a. Mandated by law and formula driven
XV. Negotiations—Supt. Pike
   a. At fact-finding stage
   b. Will be receiving fact finder’s report on December 7th
   c. Will be meeting with BMEA on December 17th
XVI. Time Table
   a. Board meetings in next few months will focus on budget preparation

Adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk

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