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**Washington Northeast Supervisory Union Board Meeting  
Thursday, November 20, 2014  
Twinfield Union School Conference Room**

**PRESENT:** Ry Hoffman, Dan Gadd, Chris Tormey, Sharron O'Connor, Patrick Healy; **Administration:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Christina Kimball, Business Manager; **Absent:** Jill Wilson

**Call to Order:** Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34.

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda:**

a. Approve September 18, 2014 Minutes - Patrick moved to approve the minutes as written and Sharon O'Connor seconded the motion. Minutes approved with two board members abstaining as they were not present at the meeting.

**Reports:**

a. Superintendent Report - Nancy Thomas

- League of Innovative Schools traveling team visited this week. Submission of application is due December 9<sup>th</sup>. Visitors were impressed with both, Twinfield and Cabot. When Nancy receives the reports she will forward them to board members.
- Waiting for guidelines on Pre-K from AOE. Looking into expanding programs to expand the 3 and 4 year-old population. Will have an extra session in Cabot and take a further look at options for Twinfield. A mailing has gone out to check on enrollment numbers.
- Will review several policies at tonight's meeting and will vote at the next WNESU Board Meeting.
- Power Surge at Twinfield on November 7<sup>th</sup> has resulted in major damage to many facets of the building. Still continuing to see the effects. Working with VSBIT on insurance claim.
- Solar Project: Reviewing three proposals that have been presented and a meeting will be held November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Board Discussion:**

a. WNESU Budget Draft #1

- Decrease in budget \$69,147. Decrease in regular instruction, para-educator salary was switched from WNESU budget to Cabot's budget.
- Decrease in contracted services. Children left district which means there is no longer a need for some WCMHS contracts.
- There will be an increase in Pre-K Special Education. Unsure how much because salaries and benefits are still being negotiated.

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- Psychological services increase. Reclassification of services. Will no longer be classified under Special Education.
- Speech Services decrease from two SLPs at Twinfield and .4 at Cabot. .4 decrease in SLP services at Twinfield and SLPs will also serve children at Cabot. One SLP at Cabot is still funded through a grant.
- Will need additional OT services. Small decrease in PT.
- Curriculum Development: Curriculum Coordinator had been partially funded by grant but will now be covered more by local funds.
- Business Office reduction: looked at services being used and changes were made.
- School Board and Assessments: small increase for legal services.
- Superintendent's Office: Small increase for salary and benefits.
- Increase for Wild Brand (technology services) as well as for a new copier lease.
- Reduce spending for IDEAB grant. Reduced spending for SPEDDOC.

### b. Policy Revision:

First Reading of policies tonight and they will be voted on and adopted at the next board meeting.

B3 Board Member Conflict of Interest

D6 Substitute Teachers

D7 Volunteers and Work Study Students

D8 Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace

D11 Drug & Alcohol Testing: Transportation Employees

E8 Tobacco Prohibition

- Will update and vote on all recommended and required policies and then will rescind all outdated policies. Once this process is complete the board will make recommendations if there are policies missing for certain areas.

### c. Policy First Reading – D13 HIPPA Compliance

- Will be read tonight and then voted on and adopted at next meeting.

### **Executive Session:**

None

**Adjournment:** Patrick made motion to adjourn and Sharron seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted

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Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber