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**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

PRESENT: Patrick Healy, Scott Harris, Jack Hoffman, Chandra Miller, Jill Wilson, Dan Towner
Administrators: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Christina Kimball, Business Manager; Mark Mooney, Principal
Student Representatives: Jakob Dufresne, Sally Weinstein

Call to Order: Patrick Healy, chair called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve December 13, 2016 Minutes – Dan Towner moved to approve the minutes as written. Jill Wilson Seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written

Reports

- a. Student Report – Sally Weinstein, Jakob Dufresne
 - There were many options available for Winter Term. Students had opportunity to work on proficiencies where students may need extra support or proficiencies students will need in the future. Some options included financial literacy, intro to philosophy and many others.
- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
 - A training with Sue McCormack from Everyday Democracy was held last Thursday, January 5th at Cabot. Several adults and students from Cabot and Danville attended the training. The training was to help prep individuals for the public forums at Cabot and Danville to discuss options for Act 46.
- c. Principal Report – Mark Mooney
 - Mark shared the schedule and offerings for J-Term/ Winter term with the board. It was a great success and Mark will be sharing the schedule at the League of Innovative Schools Conference this week.
- d. Twinfo – School Closure
 - Patrick discussed with the Board what is taken into consideration when school is cancelled or delayed.

Board Discussion

- a. FY18 Budget Draft 4 – Christina Kimball
 - Christina reviewed the Twinfield FY18 Budget Draft #4 Highlights.
 - Revenue- Transportation revenue down from last year.

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- Regular Education – Tech Center tuition expense decreased from \$12,500 to 11,325. Tech Center 6 semester average decreased from 11.08 FTE to 9.50 FTE.
 - Regular Education Pre K – Added small assessment for EEE teacher not covered by EEE grant.
 - Special Education – Reduced special education assessment based on finalized Supervisory Union Budget.
 - Supervisory Union Assessments and School Board – small decrease to assessment based on retirement.
 - Debt Service – Lease payment for the new boiler was reduced from budget draft #3.
- b. Act 46 Update
- The next act 46 meeting will be held on January 17, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Twinfield Library.
 - In discussing the Articles of Agreement, the Committee agreed on propping a 9 member board with representation being 2 members from Cabot, 2 members from Plainfield, 2 members from Marshfield and 3 members from Danville.
- c. Negotiations Update
- The teachers bargaining unit was given an extension to file a response to the Unfair Labor Practice filing.
- d. School Choice Limits
- The board agreed to set school choice limits at 10 students in and 10 students out.
- e. Tuition Waiver Request
- Board went into executive session to discuss the tuition waiver.
- f. Sick Bank Request
- Nancy recommended opening the sick bank for a staff member who is taking care of her ill mother.

Board Action

- a. Set School Choice Limits
- Scott moved to approve Nancy and Marks recommendation of 10 students in and 10 students out for school choice limits. Jack seconded the motion. School choice limits approved.
- b. Approve Sick Bank Request
- Jack moved to approve the sick bank request. Chandra seconded the motion. Motion to approve the sick bank approved.

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c. Approve temporary position

- Mark shared the need for additional support for some special needs students. He is proposing to hire Josh Mulholland for a .2 position from now to the end of the school year.
- Jack moved to approve a .2 temporary para-educator position. Chandra seconded the motion. Temporary position approved.

Executive Session: Patrick moved to go into executive session, Scott seconded the motion.

Board went into executive session at 7:52pm for a student matter. The Board returned from executive session at 8:17pm.

d. Act on Tuition Waiver Request

- Patrick moved to approve the Tuition Waiver Request, Jack Seconded the motion, The Tuition Waiver Request is approved till the end of the year, The Board vote was 5 to 6 with Jill abstaining.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber