

**UNAPPROVED**

**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 11, 2016**

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

**Call to Order:** Patrick Healy

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve September 27, 2016 Minutes – Scott Harris moved to approve the minutes of September 27<sup>th</sup> as written. Jack Hoffman seconded the motion. Minutes of September 27<sup>th</sup> approved as written.

**Reports**

- a. Student Report – Sally Weinstein, Jakob Dufresne
- Last Thursday a researcher from Harvard visited Twinfield and spoke with a group of teachers, a group of students and with Mark and Nancy about personalized learning plans and proficiency based grading. This is part of a project looking at early users of proficiencies and personalized learning.
  - The high school French class may be getting pen pals from France and will be attending a day field trip.
  - Registration for PSATs took place last week. All juniors are strongly encouraged to sign up.
- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
- Irene Sax, a researcher from Harvard visited Twinfield to explore the work being done with personalized learning plans and proficiency based graduation.
  - Work is continuing on Act 46 with the Committee meetings at Cabot School.
- c. Principal Report – Mark Mooney
- The Cardboard Challenge is a fun night planned for students and families. Cardboard has been saved since this summer and the building challenge will take place next week.
  - Rural Schools Partnership is continuing this year. Grant funds have been received and students will be putting together a newspaper.
  - Sixth grade students have been doing a great job with morning announcements.
  - Today Mark and several students brought a platter over to Harwood to share with students and staff.

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### **Board Discussion**

Joint discussion with Act 46 Committee Representatives, Community Engagement Coordinators and School Board Directors regarding communication and engagement with the community during merger discussions.

- On Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> a community engagement training meeting will be held. Students and Community members will come together to receive a training about how to facilitate meaningful conversations around Act 46 so that the community feels informed and heard.
- Members of the 706 Committee are willing to attend discussions with facilitators.
- Members of the Community Engagement Committee will share community input with the Twinfield members of the 706 Committee. The 706 Committee members will bring that input back to the larger group.
- A website is in the works where information about Act 46 will be shared including meeting minutes and agendas. These are currently available on the Twinfield website.

#### a. VEHI Proxy Request

- Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI) will be holding their annual meeting on Friday October 21, 2016. A school district is eligible to vote at the upcoming meeting. Since no board members are able to attend the meeting Nancy Thomas can serve as proxy (health and dental) for the board and vote as instructed.
- One proposed amendment to VEHI bylaws that will be voted on is the change in director terms from six years to three years.
- The second proposed amendment is a change in board member composition. Originally there were three directors who shall be either school board members, superintendents or with authorized approval of the applicable governing board, a school district or supervisory union business managers and two directors from the Vermont National Education Association. The change proposed is to take one VNEA seat and make it a seat for the Vermont Schools Boards Association.

#### b. Twinfield Graduation Data

- Nancy shared with the board Post High School information for Twinfield Students over the last 4 years.

### **Board Action**

#### a. Act on VEHI Proxy Proposal

- Chandra Miller moved to authorize Nancy Thomas to serve as proxy for the Twinfield School Board at the VEHI Meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> for both Dental and Health. Jack seconded the motion. Nancy Thomas authorized to serve as proxy for the Twinfield School board at the VEHI Meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> for both Dental and Health.

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- Jack moved to have the Twinfield School Board's proxy vote for the change in terms for VEHI board members from 6 years to 3 years. Chandra Miller seconded the motion. Twinfield School Board's proxy will vote for the change in terms from 6 years to 3 years.
- Jack moved to instruct the Twinfield School Board's proxy to vote against the change of taking one VNEA seat (there are currently 2 VNEA seats) and offer it to a representative from the Vermont Schools Boards Association. Chandra Miller seconded the motion. Motion to instruct board's proxy to vote against the change to take One VNEA seat on the VEHI board and offering it to a member from the VSBA approved.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber