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TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Twinfield School Library

PRESENT: Patrick Healy, Monica Light, Jill Wilson, Dann Gadd; Administration: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Mark Mooney, Principal; Bob Gulardo, Assistant Principal; Student Representative: Christin Martin, Erin Hall; Absent: Anne-Nadel-Walbridge, Michael Nobles

Call to Order - Patrick Healy 7:03 p.m.

Public Input

None

Consent Agenda

- a. **Correction to September 10, 2013 Minutes:** Under **Food Service Update** correct the phrase to state...*The program will be reviewed and could be terminated if **not financially viable**.*
- b. Approve September 24, 2013 minutes - Monica Light moved to approve the minutes, Dan Gad seconded – unanimously approved.

Reports

- a. **Superintendent Report** - Nancy Thomas
 - Nancy reported that Rob Billings' last day as Business Manager was October 4.
 - Augustus (Gus) Dibble has accepted the position of Business Manager to begin on October 21, 2013. A consultant will work with Gus as he transitions into the position.
 - Financial Auditors are on site at WNESU offices for the next several weeks.
 - The new buses have arrived.
 - NECAPS begin this week.
 - Nancy has been asked, and has accepted to participate in an advisory group for the Gates Foundation initiative for personalized learning systems and project based requirements.
 - All employees will be receiving notification of the Affordable Care Act this week.
 - Twinfield Union School has signed on to their third year of the Whole Energy Challenge to reduce energy use by 10%.
- b. **Principal Report** – Bob Gulardo reported for Mark Mooney
 - A successful Clear the Halls drill was held last week. This drill is intended to address a non-threatening situation (i.e. medical emergency) in which staff and students are to move out of halls and into classrooms.
 - The ECCO and ROOTS programs are underway.
- c. **Student Report** – Christin Martin
 - A high school community meeting was held, last week.

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- A pep rally was held last Friday in support of the soccer teams. A Homecoming dance was held on Saturday.
- Upcoming events include: Soccer Playoffs, Winooski Valley auditions at Harwood High School and Senior Night on October 16, NHS inducts new students in November.
- A SADD Chapter has been introduced to Twinfield Union School with quite a few participants and one successful meeting held.

Presentation

- a. Comprehensive Discipline Plan and PBIS – Brian Hebert
 - Mark reminded the group of the PBIS policy and work that Brian began last year with early prevention to help students be respectful and successful in the classroom.
 - Brian reported that this year teachers in elementary and secondary grades are on board and following the discipline reporting and prevention processes. This is resulting in less office referrals.
 - In the high school, students are more respectful and class cuts are lower. High school students are working to model respect to the elementary students.
 - Brian also works with parents and families on setting behavior plans at home.
 - Discussion occurred about creating a round table of local family agencies and the school to focus on specific outcomes to provide outreach to families in need.
 - Patrick offered Brian the Board's support to the program.
- b. A situational Analysis of Public Education in Vermont. – Vermont School Board Association and Vermont Superintendent Association.
 - Nancy introduced a slide presentation providing information about the conditions facing public education in Vermont.
 - The presentation can be seen on the VSBA website <http://www.vtvsba.org/>

Executive Session – the Board went into executive session for a personnel issue at 8:31 p.m.

Adjournment - 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sylvia Charron, Transcriber