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TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Twinfield Union School Library

PRESENT: Patrick Healy, Jill Wilson, Dan Gadd, Dan Towner, Anh Ducharme; **Administration:** Mark Mooney, Principal; Christina Kimball, Business Manager; Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Pat Knoerl, Curriculum Director; **Student Representatives:** Samantha Lege, Bridget Couture; **Absent:** Monica Light

Call to Order: Patrick Healy 6:30pm

Public Comment : None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve October 28, 2014 minutes – Tabled

Reports

- a. Superintendent Report - Nancy Thomas

- Nancy reported on the School Boards Association/ Superintendents' Association Conference.
- It has been two years since the last school climate survey. One will be done this year. It covers students, faculty and parents.
- Para educator in-service on Monday, November 10, 2014: Technology, employee collective bargaining agreement information, job description, de-escalation.
- Transformer was replaced after electrical surge last Friday. Caused various problems throughout the building and as these problems come to light they will be remedied. Unsure if Vermont School Board Insurance Trust or Green Mountain Power will cover costs.
- RFI: Three proposals for solar energy. Proposals are being reviewed and will be re-visited at the next school board meeting.

- b. Principal Report – Mark Mooney

- League of Innovative Schools site visit will be next Tuesday, November 18, 2014. Chair of the board or representative needs to be present. Will meet with students, teachers, and administrators.
- Parent/teacher conferences held on Monday well attended.

- c. Student Report – Bridget Couture, Samantha Lege

- Bridget and Samantha shared information from a conference they attended over the weekend.

- d. Tip of the week – Pat Knoerl

- Pat presented information about the relationship between Common Core and Vermont's Proficiencies for high school graduation.(see handout) Discussion and clarification followed.

Board Discussion

- a. Goal Setting – Work Plan

- Nancy shared her notes from the Board Retreat regarding possible goals. Discussion about what the board can do to support the students in the coming year.

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- The Board and administration brainstormed for Board Goals. More time will be spent on goals at the next board meeting.
- b. Preliminary Budget Discussion
- Christina shared the FY16 Budget Timeline: Special Education Service Plan has been completed and submitted to the AOE. Budget requests have been submitted by teachers. Jill and Patrick discussed the possibility of comparing technology costs from Wild Branch to other Companies.
 - Dual Enrollment costs will be built into the proposed budget as well as new teacher retirement plan costs.
 - New Bus will need to be considered for next year.
 - Universal Pre-K: looking into seeing how many children will want to attend. Possible class of 50 students which would mean another preschool session. A mailing will go out to families to get a better feel for class size. Preschool teacher salary will no longer be covered by Title 1.
 - Personnel: possible decreases .2 in Spanish, decrease of para-educators by 1.5 and .4 reduction of speech/language pathology.
 - Budget for 4.5% increase health insurance, no increase for dental but a small increase will be allotted for in the budget for precautionary measures.
 - Facilities Plan: In Elementary wing doors will be looked at and will be insulated or replaced because of cold air leak. Look at replacing the residential toilets in the building with commercial. Will also look into the cost of purchasing a floor buffer. Mark mentioned the possibility of taking a look at a 3 year plan for re-paving.
 - Preliminary Budget will be sent out to board members before the November 25th board meeting. Input will be given for draft number 2.
- c. Policy Revision
- Mark suggested that board members review policies and email if there are any questions. At the November 25th board meeting the policies will be reviewed and adopted.
 - Nancy shared a list of policies that have been reviewed and are all up to date.
- d. Policy First Reading: F3 Search and Seizure by School Personnel: Will be reviewed at next board meeting.

Board Action

- a. None

Executive Session Jill moved to go into executive session at 8:47pm for a personnel matter. Patrick seconded the motion. The Board came out of executive session at 9:25pm. No action was taken

Adjournment The Board adjourned at 9:25pm

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber