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TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, December 15, 2015

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

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

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve December 8, 2015 Minutes - Scott Harris Moved to approve the minutes as written. Amy Welti seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Reports

- a. Student Report – Sally Weinstein
 - The Twinfield winter concert will be held on Thursday, December 17th.
 - The penny challenge is underway and currently the 7th graders are winning.
 - Basketball is going well.
- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
 - Negotiations for teachers were completed yesterday, Monday, December 15th.
 - Norm Etkind from the Superintendents' Association Energy project came and did a walk-through with Christina, Pete and Nancy. He will provide a written report
- c. Principal Report – Mark Mooney
 - Mark Tucker, Special Services Director organized a meeting on Monday, December 14th to review the multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) across the supervisory union. The district is working to continue to improve the work that is being done in this area. Megan Grube from the Agency of Education facilitated the meeting and was a wealth of knowledge.
 - The Synapse team has been invited to present at the League of Innovative Schools Conference in Norwood, MA in March.
 - An assembly was held last Thursday. As the students arrived at the assembly the jazz band played. Thirty students were honored as well as teachers. It was great to see high school students excited and cheering for peers.
- d. Twinfo –
 - There are two Educational Support Teams for the elementary grades. This is a part of the MTSS and plans supports for students encountering academic or behavioral challenges. One team is for students K-2 and the other is for students in grades 3-6. Teachers meet twice a month to discuss students who need extra support. Students are also receiving support during the WIN (What I Need) block.
 - At the high school level there is a "Targeted" group that makes up the EST. This group includes; teachers, the school nurse, Bob Gulardo (Assistant Principal) and the school counselor. This team also meets bi-weekly.

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Board Discussion

- a. FY17 Budget – Christina Kimball
 - The audit has been completed. Should receive a final copy in the next few weeks.
 - Not much has changed since last week’s FY17 budget update. More data is due from the state later this month.
- b. Policy Work
 - i. Second Reading: D10 Public Complaints about Personnel – The requirement to present the complaint in writing will be moved to the section on “Appeal to The Board”.
 - ii. Revision, Second Reading: F1 Student Conduct and Discipline
 - iii. Proposed Rescission: G7 Educational Support
- c. Act 46
 - Jack and Scott shared a draft informational pamphlet with the board. This is information that will be shared with the public to help them gain a better understanding of Act 46. Information on the hand-out included: Cost Containment Threshold, Merger options and possible pros and cons of merger.
 - Currently Twinfield and Cabot are approved for a Merger Study grant.
 - Peter Clark will be the consultant for the merger study.
 - Twinfield Board members will look into being an advisory school with the Washington Central Supervisory Union. Jill, Patrick, Jack and Scott will attend meetings.

Board Action

- a. Adopt Policies D10 and F1
 - Dan Towner moved to approve Policy D10 following recommended changes. Jill Wilson seconded the motion. Policy D10 approved.
 - Scott Harris moved to approve Policy F1 Jack Hoffman seconded the motion. Policy F1 approved.
- b. Rescind Policy G7
 - Scott Harris moved to rescind Policy G7. Jack Hoffman seconded the motion. Policy G7 rescinded.
- c. Act on Negotiations Agreement
 - Jack Hoffman moved to ratify a 2% new money increase for one year. Dan Towner seconded the motion. Ratification approved.

Executive Session : None

Adjournment: Patrick Healy, chair adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber