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**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 14, 2017**

PRESENT: Patrick Healy, Chandra Miller, Jill Wilson, Dan Towner **Administrators:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Mark Mooney, Principal

Call to Order: Patrick Healy, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

Presentation – Student French Trip

- Mark Mooney shared a letter from French Teacher, Maureen Davis, with the Board asking for permission to hold a parent meeting and start the fundraising process for next year's trip. The trip will again be a collaboration with U-32.

Presentation – Mark Tucker, Director, Special Services

Creating a Trauma-Informed School Environment

- Mark Tucker shared a brief presentation with the Board: "Creating a Trauma-Informed School Environment". He shared the challenges of so many students in school who have been affected by trauma and the work that a new grant will support to train teachers to better support these students.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve January 24, 2017 Minutes –Patrick moved to approve the minutes of January 24th as written. Dan Towner Seconded the motion. Minutes of January 24th approved as written.

Reports

a. **Student Report** – Sally Weinstein, Jakob Dufresne

- Several students attended a dialogue day at Harwood Union.
- Fundraising for the DC trip is underway. Recently a super-bowl square fundraiser was held and planning is underway for a dodgeball tournament.
- Winter Carnival will be held on Friday, February 24th. Each high school class plans and performs a dance. The week of Winter Carnival is spirit week and students dress up each day according to the planned themes.

b. **Superintendent Report** – Nancy Thomas

- The budget and reports have been completed for March 7th.
- Nancy and Consultant, Peter Clarke have been working with the business managers and others on gathering data for Act 46.
- Legislation is being watched closely. There has been a proposal to extend Act 46 work.

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- Governor Scott has reappointed Dr. Holcombe as the Secretary of Education.
- d. Principal Report – Mark Mooney
 - Thursday, February 23rd will be an early release day. The morning will start with PBIS pals. This is the first time that there will be groupings of high school, middle school and elementary school students.

Board Discussion

- a. Act 46 Update
 - At the last meeting The Project-Based Learning Team met with the Act 46 committee and shared what a PBL academy might look like.
 - The Board discussed issues around possible school closure in a merged district.
 - The two superintendents, business managers and Peter Clarke met to discuss and create what a new central office staff might look like and draft budget. There could significant cost savings.
 - Nancy along with Peter Clarke are preparing data for Act 46.
- b. Selection of 706 Committee Member
 - Jack Hoffman is moving and has resigned from his position as both a TUS Board member and a 706 Committee Member. The 706 committee will need a new member from Twinfield.
- c. Negotiations Update
 - The Unfair Labor Practice charge is moving forward. A hearing date is being scheduled and Attorneys Scott Cameron and Patty Turley are preparing the documents.
- d. Sick Bank Request
 - Patrick moved that that Board go into executive session to discuss a sick bank request. Jill seconded. The Board went into executive session at 7:25 pm to discuss the sick bank request. The Board came out of executive session at 7:29 pm. Action on the request followed.

Board Action:

- a. Selection of 706 Committee Member – Jill moved to approve Chandra Miller as the new 706 Committee Member. Dan Towner seconded the motion. Chandra Miller approved as the new 706 committee member.
- b. Sick Bank Request – Chandra moved to approve the use of the sick bank. Jill seconded the motion. Motion to approve the use of the sick bank approved.
- c. Approve French Trip - Jill moved to approve the French trip and fundraising. Dan seconded the motion. French trip and fundraising approved.

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Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber