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Twinfield School Board meeting MEETING MINUTES Monday, March 22, 2016

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

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

Renaissance Presentation: Summer Haverick, Josie Kennedy and Erica Patterson shared their final projects from their Clinical/Medical internship in the lab at CVMC.

Public Comment:

Terri Weinstein gave an update on current box top numbers and fundraising status.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve March 8, 2016 Minutes – Jack Hoffman moved to approve the minutes of March 8th following an amendment: *Under Board Re-Organization, item c., change Patrick Hoffman to Patrick Healy.* Jill seconded the motion. Minutes approved as amended.

Reports

- a. Student Report -
 - On Thursday, March 17th the High School students traveled to Montpelier to see the movie, Race followed by discussions.
 - Softball and Baseball season is underway.
 - There will be a Limes Concert at Cabot next week.
- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
 - The VSBA is offering upcoming trainings for School Board Members.
 - School Board members are welcome to have a WNESU e-mail address for all board communication.
 - Cabot and Twinfield Community Engagement Committee will be holding dinner and movie nights. One will be held at Cabot and one at Twinfield. The movies are Beyond Measure and Most Likely to Succeed.
 - A mental health consultant has been hired by the Plainfield Health Center. The position is funded through a grant. This consultant will be made available to the school.
 - Nancy requested to open the sick bank for a teacher.
- c. Principal Report – Mark Mooney, Bob Gulardo
 - Early Release Days have allowed for many opportunities to enrich the curriculum. During the most recent early release day the elementary staff worked on Science. The high school staff spent time working on learning scales with Bill Rich.

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- Ten people attended the LIS conference. The focus was on special education and proficiency based learning.
- 78 students attended the movie, Race and all students were inspired by the movie and had many rich conversations.

d. Twinfo-

- Mindfulness- Mindful awareness exercises help children develop concentration and self-awareness.

Board Discussion

a. Current Year Financial Report – Christina Kimball

- Operating within 1% of the budget.
- Purchasing has been stopped for the year unless essential items are needed.
- As of 2/29/16 the estimated balance is approximately \$77,000.00.
- There is excess spending in Regular Ed Instruction due to payment for long term subs for ill teachers as well as teachers on maternity leave. Another increase in this area is due to young families choosing to sign-up for health benefits.
- Christina projects that the budgeted \$25,000.00 for the capital funds account will be available to be moved in August.

b. First Reading- Kindergarten Entrance Policy

- With the implementation of Act 166 preschool will now be available to all 3 and 4 year-old children.
- The entrance of 3 year-olds hinges on the Kindergarten entrance date.
- Schools in the area have a policy of September 1st as the cutoff for kindergarten and pre-school entrance.
- Jill suggested that the initial wording in the policy be simplified without change to the substance of the policy. The second reading will occur at the next board meeting.

Board Action:

- a. Open Sick Bank – Patrick moved to open the sick bank for a teacher on maternity leave. Jill seconded the motion. Sick bank approved.

Executive Session : None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber