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TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 12, 2016

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

Call to Order: Patrick Healy, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

a. Approve March 22, 2016 Minutes – Jack moved to approve the minute as written. Chandra seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written

Board Discussion:

a. First Reading – Proficiency Based Graduation Policy – Joanna Fowler, Melissa Gosselin
   - Joanna and Melissa presented the work that has been done on developing Proficiency Based Graduation Expectations. They also shared information about Personalized Learning Plans and the database that will be used to store information.

Reports

a. Student Report - Jakob Dufresne
   - Baseball field has received maintenance and is ready for practice.
   - A Community Movie night was held at Twinfield last week, Most Likely to Succeed was viewed and discussions were held afterward. There were 60 people in attendance.
   - Next week is break.

b Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
   - The community movie night was sponsored by the Community Engagement Committee and the Community Engagement Grant. There was a great turnout and much participation.
   - Planning is underway for future Community Engagement Activities.
   - Nancy attended the state-wide Consolidated Federal Program Grant training a few weeks ago.
   - The state-wide Superintendents' meeting information was shared from VEHI and upcoming changes to health insurance. There will be more trainings in the future.
   - Work is continuing on Act 46 and presentations have been done for staff at each school.

c. Principal Report – Mark Mooney
   - Many community members attended the movie night and were excited to hear what students had to say about changes being made with Personalized Learning Plans and Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements.
   - J-Term Academy at the end of each semester is an opportunity for students who didn't make appropriate progress during the semester to work on content standards that they had difficulty

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with. Extra support will be provided for those who need it. There will be some exciting options for J-Term: Bio-Blitz, Vermont day trips, geology trip, landscape painting, cooking, etc.

- With the establishment of PLPs and Proficiency Based Graduation there will be grades 7-8 Teacher Advisors and grades 9-12 Teacher Advisors starting next year.

d. Twinfo-

- Mark talked briefly about Alma the database that will be used for Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements and Personalized Learning Plans.

Board Discussion

a. Tuition Waiver – Nancy Thomas
   - The family of a preschool student has moved to Barre and would like the child to finish out the year at Twinfield. There is no additional expense if student remains.

b. Second Reading – Kindergarten Entrance Policy
   - Nancy shared the updated Pre-K/Kindergarten Entrance policy for a second reading.
   - At a future meeting a one-time exception clause will be added.

c. ESSA- Nancy Thomas
   - Tabled due to time constraints.

d. Act 46 Review and Next Steps
   - Patrick and Nancy shared a power point that has been prepared in order to share work that has been done in regards to Act 46.

e. Plan Teacher Appreciation Day – May 3, 2016
   - Mark will check in with T-Pie to see what they have planned and will share at the next board meeting.

f. Food Service Transition
   - Food service funding responsibilities and staff will transition from Twinfield Union School to WNESU beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

Board Action

a. Act on Tuition waiver
   - Jill moved to approve a tuition waiver for a preschool student for the remainder of the school year. Chandra seconded the motion. Tuition waiver approved.

b. Approve Pre-K/Kindergarten Entrance Policy
   - Patrick moved to approve the Pre-K/Kindergarten Entrance Policy. Dan seconded the motion. Policy approved as written.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber