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**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

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

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

Public Comment : None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve April 26, 2016 Minutes – Jack moved to approve the minutes as written. Chandra seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Reports

- a. Student Report - Sally Weinstein
 - Baseball and softball seasons are underway.
 - Green-up day was a great success.
 - May 20th is the middle school and high school concert.
 - The Limes have started recording their album.
- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
 - Summer School will be held from July 5th to August 4th. The day will start at 9:00am and end at 2:00pm. This summer program will be held at Twinfield for both Cabot and Twinfield students. The program will include academic and outdoor adventure activities. Transportation and lunch will be provided.
 - Preparations are underway for the big changes with benefits through VEHI.
 - Nancy attended a Regional Education Lab meeting and conference in Massachusetts last week.
- c. Principal Report – Mark Mooney
 - Thursday, May 12th at 1:30pm is the final early release day. There will be a presentation including learning scales, graduation proficiencies as well as input from teachers.
 - May 12th will be the final Rock star Student Assembly.
 - Jimmy Kennedy Breakfast fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday May 14th from 8am – 10am. There will also be a silent auction and carwash. All proceeds go to the 8th grade canoe trip.
- d. Twinfo- WIN Presentation
 - Literacy Interventionist, Sarah Pulalski came with 3 students who participate in LLI (Leveled Literacy Intervention) during WIN (What I Need) block. They shared the writing they have been done as part of their work. Students wrote persuasive letters to various officials about banning plastic bags in the United States.

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Board Discussion

- a. Kindergarten entrance, “grandfather” request
 - At a previous meeting a policy passed setting the Preschool entrance age of 3 by September 1st and Kindergarten 5 by September 1st.
 - Nancy recommended approving that two students enter kindergarten before their 5th birthdays due to the fact that their families did not have the information regarding the policy prior to their child’s enrollment.
 - This will be a one-time occurrence. The policy will be available for all entering families so there would not be confusion or a change in the future.
- b. Act 46 Update
 - Peter Clark met with the Cabot Board on Monday, May 9th.
 - Based on conversations at the meetings the Cabot Board indicated they would like to pursue a 706 study committee.
 - The Cabot Board will vote on the 706 study at their meeting on Monday, May 16th.
 - Peter Clark will meet with the Twinfield Board on May 24th.
 - Patrick suggested having information about what will be discussed at the 24th meeting and what decisions will need to be made prior to the meeting.
 - How do we share information with the community? Information will be put in the newsletter, shared on Front Porch Forum, the website and other media. The board will also schedule a public informational forum to discuss information following the May 24th board meeting.
- b. New Hire Recommendations
 - Katherine Rossell is the recommended candidate for the Behavior Analyst position at Twinfield. Katherine has worked with Twinfield for two and half years through a contract with Washington County Mental Health Services.
 - Brian Hebert is the recommended candidate for the full time Elementary School Counselor position at Twinfield Union School. Brian is currently the Behavior Specialist and this year has worked part time as elementary counselor. He has begun implementing a Mindfulness curriculum into all k-6 classrooms weekly to support a positive school culture.

Board Action

- a. Act on Kindergarten entrance “grandfather” requests.
 - Jack moved to approve the kindergarten entrance “grandfather” requests. Dan Towner seconded the motion. Three board members voted to approve this request. Two board members, Patrick Healy and Scott Harris voted against approval. Motion passed with a vote of 3-2.
- b. Act on Hiring Recommendations
 - Patrick moved to approve the hiring of Brian Hebert as the full time K-6 School Counselor and Kate Rossell as the Behavior Analyst. Scott seconded the motion. Motion approved.

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Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber