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TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Twinfield Union School Library

PRESENT: Patrick Healy, Jack Hoffman, Scott Harris, Dan Towner, Monica Light, Jill Wilson
Administrators: Christina Kimball, Business Manager; Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Mark Mooney Principal
Absent: Bridget Couture and Samantha Lege

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

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve April 28, 2015 Minutes – Jack moved to approve minutes as written. Monica seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Reports

- a. Superintendent Report - Nancy Thomas

- Community engagement activity with students. There were a total of 11 students present. Students shared what they wanted to see in developing their education plans. What can the schools do better and what are some challenges that we might see?
- Community Engagement activity scheduled for May 28th has been rescheduled to August.
- The hiring committee has been working to find a suitable candidate for the Special Services Director Position. The committee is pleased with the person selected for the position and he will be presented for approval at the WNESU meeting on Thursday.
- Lynn Turcotte, elementary guidance counselor will be retiring at the end of this year.
- Caresse Monteith will also be retiring at the end of this year.
- Request to open the sick-bank for two para-educators.

- b. Principal Report – Mark Mooney

- Last Friday, TUS hosted the Vermont Rural Partnership Conference. The conference was a great success, TUS staff and students were great hosts and our school received many compliments for the tone of the building and the many exciting initiatives taking place here.
- This Friday is the third annual TPIE Elementary Talent Show; the program begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Last Thursday was the last early release day of the year. Teachers continued their work preparing for a proficiency-based graduation model. The staff was also made aware of two important committees that will be working this summer and throughout next year.

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- Mark shared information about the Proficiency and Personalized Learning Committees that are being set up. c. Student Report –
- None

d. Financial Report – Christina Kimball

- Still receiving insurance money from power surge earlier in the year.
- Added Special Education services and so there is a
- Over budget by \$61,000.00 in revenues.
- Added into budget for an ELL Teacher.
- Two months ago the business office stopped accepting purchase orders.

e. Twinfo- J Term options

- Independent Art – A Studio Experience for Students Who want to Design and Explore Ideas and Artistic Conventions
- Tri State Outdoor Excursions
- “The Crazy Engineer” Inventors Workshop

Board Discussion

a. French Trip – Mark Mooney

- Did not have a trip this year so that future trips will align with U-32 trip.
- Currently have 9 students signed up for next year.
- Visits/dinners with host families.
- Current cost per student is \$2950.00

b. Twinfield & Cabot Collaboration

- Continue to pursue options for collaborations.
- Get students involved in planning.

c. Personnel Hiring

- Athletic Director Position has been offered to and accepted by Lynn Rivalini.
- Middle School Math Position was offered to a candidate who is currently in a one year position at U-32. Will give Mark an Answer next week.
- Scanning through candidates for an administrative assistant position. There are several strong internal candidates.
- Interviews for available art position are scheduled for Monday.

d. Policy Recension

- Rescind Policies: C2 Board Meetings, D1 Personnel Recruitment, E9 HIV, F22 Student Assessment, F8 Reporting Suspected Child Abuse, F12 Interscholastic Sports, F14 Admission of Non-Resident Students, G3 Field Trips, G10 Special Education and Outdated Policies.

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f. Head Start

- Will offer a morning session of preschool with Head Start Collaboration.
- There will be a total of 10 enrolled Head Start Children during the morning session.
- Head Start Teacher will co-teach morning session with current TUS preschool teacher.
- Head Start will offer Family outings once a month with all classroom families. These outings will include a family style meal, activities, trainings, and a parent meeting.
- Children will eat both breakfast and lunch at school.
- There is an income guideline to be Head Start eligible.
- The agreement between TUS and Head Start has been completed and ready for board action.

Board Action

- a. Request to open the sick bank
 - Patrick moved to open the sick bank for two para-educators. Dan Towner seconded the motion. Motion to approve sick bank requests approved.
- b. Rescind Policies: C2, D1, E9, F22, F8, F12, F14, G3, G10 and Outdated policies binder.
 - Monica motioned to rescind policies listed above. Scott Harris Seconded the motion. Policies rescinded.
- c. Head Start
 - Patrick moved to approve the Head Start agreement. Jack seconded the motion. Head Start agreement approved.
- d. Act on French Trip Request
 - Jill moved to approve the French trip in May of 2016. Dan Towner seconded the motion. French Trip approved. Monica abstained siting concerns over cost.

Executive Session : None

Adjournment : Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber