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TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Twinfield School Library

PRESENT: Patrick Healy, Monica Light, Dan Towner, Jill Wilson, Dan Gadd; Administration: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Mark Mooney, Principal; Christina Kimball, Business Manager; Student Representatives: Christin Martin, Erin Hall; Absent: Anh Ducharme

Call to Order Patrick Healy - 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

a. Approve April 22, 2014 Minutes – Jill Wilson moved to accept the minutes, Dan Towner seconded – approved.

Board Request

a. Jill Wilson asked the board to donate the use of a bus and driver for Project Graduation to transport graduated Seniors to a supervised overnight function on June 14, 2014. Jill moved to approve donating a bus and driver, Patrick seconded – approved.

Reports

a. Student Report – Christin Martin, Erin Hall

- SADD will hold a seat belt check on Thursday May 15.
- The Bike Rodeo was held last week.
- Softball and baseball teams won their games against Concord today.
- The variety show will be held in June, date to be announced.
- Physic students attended a field trip to Crossett Brook to look at solar panels.

b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas

- Rich Phillips, Charlie Wanzer and physic students will meet with Nancy, Mark and Christina on May 20 to discuss solar energy at Twinfield Union School. That information will be presented to the board.
- The CFP grant has been completed with additional money available, which will be used for a Supplemental Math person to serve both Twinfield Union School and Cabot School.
- A Plainfield resident has raised a question concerning the sale of the Center School by Twinfield Union School in 2006, asking if there was a public vote to approve the sale. We have found there was not a vote. We will continue to look into the issue.

c. Principal Report – Mark Mooney

- Mark updated the board on the status of filling open positions for the 2014-2015 school year.
 - A part time High School English / 5-6 grade Math teacher has been hired.
 - Finalists for the Pre-K and Social Studies teacher are being interviewed this week.
 - Seven candidates have been interviewed for the Grade 5/6 position.
 - Six candidates are being interviewed for the Music position.
 - An internal candidate has been identified for the Food Service Director position and details are being discussed to promote that individual into the position.
- Mark discussed the schedule of classes for 2014-2015 school year, stating that once all feedback is in he will bring the final schedule to the board.

d. FY14 Budget Update – Christina Kimball

- Revenue and expenditures are above budget. Projections indicate a small surplus at the end of the fiscal year if the Board decides not to transfer \$25,000 to Capital Projects Fund by June 30, 2014.

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- Nancy noted that we are under 1% and that Mark has been controlling expenditures.
- e. Barre Technical Center – Patrick Healy
- Patrick distributed a list of courses offered at the Barre Technical Center with the number of students accepted to those courses for the 2014-2015 school year. Patrick offered to invite a representative from Barre Technical Center to explain the program.

Presentation

- a. Twinfield Together Mentoring Program – Pam Quinn
- Pam Quinn, Director of the mentoring program reviewed funding and rewards of a mentoring program.
 - Funding comes from grants, individual and corporate donations, fund raising, town support and through the Twinfield Union School budget.
 - Twinfield Union School is the only Vermont school with both a literacy-based and community-based mentoring program and is an integral part of the school.
 - All children are eligible for the program. There are 36 one-on-one mentoring matches with students.
 - Literacy based mentors meet with students 1 hour per week during lunch throughout the school year. Community based mentors follow a student through high school, meeting with the student 2 to 4 times a month.
 - Mark thanked Pam for the work she does to assure appropriate matches between mentors and students.

Board Discussion

- a. League of Innovative Schools (LIS) Grant – Timeline and School Board Responsibilities
- Mark Money and Debra Stoleroff reviewed Proficiency Based Graduation explaining that Vermont schools will be required to implement this model by the year 2020.
 - Mark also reviewed the Next Generation Grant which is going to the LIS, which would provide Twinfield Union School with on-site coaching and funds to aide in implementing personalized learning, proficiency based grading and other components of Act 77.
 - The board was presented with documents to sign, agreeing to proceed with the work.
- b. Facility Use Policy and Fee Structure – Patrick Healy
- Patrick asked the Facility and Policy Committee members to study the two draft policies.
 - Dan Towner and committee members will work to create a proposed draft policy.
 - The policy and fee schedule will be in place for the 2014-2015 school year.
- c. Disposal of Bus #2
- Mark and Nancy explained that this bus is rusted, not in use and will not pass inspection. They requested approval to dispose of it at a salvage yard.
 - Monica moved to dispose of Bus #2, Jill seconded – approved.
- d. Teaching Candidates for 2014-2015 school year – Mark Mooney
- Mark requested approval to increase the FTE for the new High School English / 5-6 grade Math teacher to .7 from .6. This would allow the new teacher time to participate with the collaborative humanities team for planning times.
 - Jill moved to approve the increase in FTE for the new High School English / 5-6 grade Math teacher to .7 from .6, Dan Gadd seconded – approved.
 - Nancy asked for authorization to hire candidates into the remaining open positions.
 - Jill moved to authorize the superintendent to hire candidates into the remaining open positions, Patrick seconded – approved.
- e. Fort Ticonderoga Trip – Mark Mooney
- Mark requested approval for the 3-4 grades to take a field trip to Fort Ticonderoga.
 - Patrick moved to approve the trip, Jill seconded – approved.

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Adjournment - 8:50 p.m.