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**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Patrick Healy, Scott Harris, Jon Groveman, Chandra Miller, Jill Wilson, Lauren Cleary  
**Administrators:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Mark Tucker, Special Services Coordinator;  
Bob Gulardo, Principal **Student Representatives:** Jakob Dufresne **Absent:** Sally Weinstein

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda**

a. Approve May 9, 2017 Minutes – Tabled until the next meeting.

**Reports**

a. Student Report – Jakob Dufresne

- The prom was held last Saturday at the Onion River Campground. Jakob was prom king.
- Students are selecting courses for next year.
- The juniors will be going bowling to celebrate the end of all of their testing.

b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas

- Work on Act 46 continues.
- Negotiations are back underway.
- An appeal has been filed with the Vermont Labor Relations Board about the decision made around open meeting law. The appeal will go to the Vermont Supreme Court.
- Interviews for available positions are underway.

d. Principal Report – Bob Gulardo

- Candidates have been selected for the open School Counselor position as well as the General Music/ High School, Middle School Chorus. positions
- There are currently several other vacant positions at Twinfield.

**Board Discussion**

a. Facility Update – Peter Ackermann

- Peter shared upcoming facility projects.
- Boiler Project – Pete worked with Sun Wood BioMass to apply for a \$95,000.00 grant for the boiler. The estimated completion date for this project is December 1, 2017. There will be propane back up with 3 tanks. Two tanks for the boiler and one for the kitchen. The tanks will go between parking sections and pipe will be put in under the parking lot before paving.

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- Paving Projects: There is a \$7,740.00 savings for this project due to one foot rather than 2 feet to be dug around the building. The Triangle will be more costly due to winter break up because of clay soil underneath. Added cost is \$29,124.00.
  - Doors: Peter decided to have both doors open electronically from the outside at the entry, requiring more electrical work. He also had to update from 12 volt to 24 volt system and will put in push button for ADA compliance.
  - Boys and Girls Bathrooms: Pete anticipates they will see significant savings with most of the work being done by custodial staff.
  - Summer projects have been reduced by \$10,000.00 for blinds that were paid for out of the safety grant. With current estimates we are on target for \$205,100.00 budgeted for projects.
- b. Act 46 Update
- The merger vote will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Cabot board met on Monday to discuss possible options if the merger is voted down.
  - The Twinfield Forum will be Tuesday, June 13.
- c. Negotiations Update
- Negotiations are back underway. The Negotiations Counselor met last week and another meeting is scheduled for next week.
- d. Wellness Policy – First Reading
- WNESU is required to have a wellness policy and it must be in place by the end of June 2017.
  - There are a total of 10 domains that must be covered by the policy. The 10 domains include: nutrition environment and Services, counseling, psychological and social services, employee wellness, health services, health education, physical education and physical activity, facilities and equipment, social and emotional school climate, community involvement and family engagement.
- e. Hiring Recommendations
- The hiring committee recommends the hiring of Shane Hinckley for General Music Education as and High School/ Middle School Chorus.
  - The hiring committee recommends the hiring of Kandi Greaves for middle school math.
- f. Sick Bank Request
- Nancy recommended opening the sick bank for a staff member.

## **Board Action**

- a. Act on Hiring Recommendation
- Lauren moved to approve the hiring of Shane Hinckley for General music and high school/middle school chorus. Scott Harris seconded the motion. The hiring of Shane Hinckley approved.

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- Scott Harris moved to approve the hiring of Kandi Greaves for Middle School Math. Jill Wilson seconded the motion. Kandi Greaves approved.
- b. Sick Bank Request
- Jon Groveman moved to approve the use of the sick bank. Patrick seconded the motion. Sick bank request approved.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber