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**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

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

Call to Order: Patrick Healy, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve April 25, 2017 Minutes – Lauren Cleary moved to approve the minutes following amendments (add adjournment of executive session and adjournment of meeting). Scott Harris seconded the motion. Minutes approved following amendments.

Reports

- a. Student Report – Jakob Dufresne
 - Last week the juniors took SBAC testing, Saturday SATs, and next week science NECAPS
 - Softball and Baseball season is underway. The girls softball team won last night against Cabot.
 - A group of students will be going out on Thursday to plant trees along the riverside.
 - Prom will be held at the Onion River Campground on May 20th.
- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
 - Received waiver from secretary Holcombe so that Lauren Cleary is able to serve on the board as well as a substitute.
 - Peter Ackermann will attend the next board meeting to discuss maintenance projects.
 - The TLC coordinator has accepted a full time position in Montpelier and will be leaving in June.
 - Interviews for the Curriculum Director position took place yesterday. A candidate will be brought to the WNESU Board next week.
- c. Principal Report – Mark Mooney
 - It's Hiring time. Anthony Popoli will transfer to the counseling position and Lizzie Appleby will be hired for Grades 3 /4 position.
 - The candidate for the musical/choral position visited the school this week.
 - There are some great candidates for the middle school math position.

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- Jenna Aube (Interventionist) has given notice that she will leave at the end of this year. Val Bigglestone has expressed interest in the position.

d. Twinfo –

- Patrick shared with the board some information about the Twinfield Employee Appreciation Gift. Employees were able to choose between a variety of herbs, tomatoes, flowers or vegetables.

Board Discussion

a. Twinfield Collaboration with Head Start

- For the past two years Twinfield has had collaboration with Head Start. Head Start provides a teacher for one session of preschool.

b. Act 46 Update

- Scott reviewed the warning for the Act 46 Merger Vote.
- Scott Harris, Chris Tormey, Bruce Melendy, Peter Clarke, Nancy Thomas and Mat Forrest will be presenting the merger plan to the State Board of Education on May 16.

c. Negotiation Update

- A decision was made by the Vermont Labor Board and it was received last week. An appeal is being considered.

d. Approve New Hire –

- Nancy recommended Lizzie Appleby for Elementary Teacher position
- Lizzie previously worked at Twinfield and we are excited to have her back.

Board Action

- a. Approve Head Start Agreement for 2017-2018 – Scott moved to approve the Head Start collaboration agreement for 2017-2018. Jill seconded the motion. Head Start Collaboration agreement for 2017-2018 approved.
- b. Approve Act 46 Merger Vote Warning – Scott Harris moved to approve the Act 46 Merger Vote Warning. Jill Wilson seconded the motion. Act 46 Merger Vote Warning approved.
- c. Approve Hiring of elementary teacher – Jill moved to approve the hiring of Lizzie Appleby. Lauren seconded the motion. Hiring of Lizzie Appleby approved.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber