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TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Twinfield Union School Library

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

Call to Order: Monica Light, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Public Comment : None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve June 9, 2015 Minutes - Minutes were not in packet to review. Tabled until the next meeting.

Reports

- a. Superintendent Report - Nancy Thomas
 - There are many great new hires for both schools. Nancy is pleased with the applicants.
- b. Principal Report – Mark Mooney
 - Mark shared information regarding new staff being recommended.
 - Mark shared a draft of the packet/contract parents will review and sign when high school students take home a computer owned by the school.
- d. Twinfo –
 - Mark shared a video that highlighted work that the Upstittute is doing and the impact of the Renaissance Program.

Board Discussion

- a. Act 46 Update
 - Nancy shared information via a handout about the current guidelines for Act 46 (A Supervisory Union Becoming a Supervisory District)
 - The goal of Act 46 is quality, equity and sustainability of education in each district.
 - Each school would no longer have their own board. There would be a district board with representatives of each school.
 - Each Supervisory district would need to contain 900 students,
 - If Cabot/Twinfield were to receive a waiver of the required minimum of 900 students, the new district would not be given tax reductions and the small schools grant would phase out over the course of 4 years.
 - Cabot is also pursuing options of collaboration with Twinfield or combining with Twinfield, Cabot and Danville.

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b. Truant Officer

- Nancy recommends that Brian Hebert continue as the Truant Officer for the 2015-2016 School Year.

b. Hiring Update

- Terry Frey is the recommended candidate for the available music position. Terry comes to Twinfield from Barre City Elementary/Middle School where he taught general music for grades K-4 and Choral Music for grades 5-8.
- Valerie Bigglestone is the recommended candidate for the Middle School Math Teacher position. Valerie has spent some time over the last several years working as a substitute teacher both long term and short term. She is looking to get back into teaching full time.
- Lizzy Appleby is the recommended candidate for the Grade 3/4 Long Term Substitute position. Lizzy student taught under the VT teacher of the year. The hiring committee was really pleased with her and her qualifications.

Board Action

a. Sign Revenue Anticipation Note

- The majority of the board signed the Revenue Anticipation Note.

b. Act on Truant Officer

- Dan Towner moved to appoint Brian Hebert as the truant officer. Jack Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried with one abstention. (Jill Wilson abstained citing the need for more information.)

c. Act on Hiring Recommendations

- Dan Towner moved to approve new hires (Valerie Bigglestone, Lizzy Appleby and Terry Frey). Jack Hoffman seconded the motion. New hires approved.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment : Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber