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**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 9, 2016**

PRESENT: Patrick Healy, Chandra Miller, Dan Towner, Scott Harris, Jack Hoffman

Administrators: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Christina Kimball, Business Manager; Mark Mooney, Principal **Absent:** Jill Wilson

Call to Order: Patrick Healy called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve July 26, 2016 Minutes – Scott moved to approve the minutes of July 26, 2016 as written. Jack seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Reports

- a. Principal Report– Mark Mooney

- Summer School was a huge success. The board will hear more about summer school from presentations at a later date.
- Last week the Vermont Leadership Academy was held and Kim Marshall was the guest speaker. Many great ideas were shared and will help in preparing for in-service.
- Mark attended a conference in Denver, representing Vermont, that focused on online credentialing and will share more information at a later date.

- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas

- Nancy and the whole Leadership Team attended the Leadership Academy as well.
- Nancy shared that Mark Mooney was recognized as Vermont’s Secondary Principal of the Year as well as his work with children PK-12. He gave an inspired and inspiring speech at the awards ceremony celebrating the power of working together on behalf of students.
- This is an extremely busy time for central office staff as they transition from FY16 to FY17.
- Nancy participated as one of two Vermont representatives in the summer Legislative Advocacy Meeting of the AASA, the national Superintendents’ Association
- The leadership team has met a few times and are working to complete the agenda for in-service.

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Board Discussion

a. Summer Project Update

- Christina is meeting regularly with Pete to review summer work. She shared with the board the Facility and Equipment plan.
- An abbreviated plan for the paving project was needed with a plan to complete the paving project next fiscal year.
- Hand-sets for the phone system will be ordered.
- Two external doors for the high school/ middle level are on order and will be installed. A total of 5 doors will need to be replaced.
- A zero turn mower has been purchased and it is a huge time saver.
- Several windows need replacing. Pete will determine which ones are in need of replacing and order windows.
- Water bottle filling stations will be ordered for installation.
- One of the bathrooms has been made into a gender neutral bathroom. Mark suggested turning the remaining bathroom into a concession stand for sporting events as well as storage for the booster club. The plan will come back to the Board when Pete has a cost estimate.

b. Alternative Structure – Information from the AOE

- Nancy shared information received from the Agency of Education pertaining to *Proposals by One or More Non-Merging Districts for an “Alternative Structure” under Act 46.*

c. Hiring Recommendation – Spanish Teacher

- There were 4 strong candidates who applied for the vacant .8 Spanish teacher position at Twinfield.
- Josh Mulholland, Twinfield Alum is the recommended candidate to fill the position.
- Josh has traveled the world and been both an English and Spanish Instructor.

d. Mentoring Program Update

- Jack Hoffman is currently on the Board of the Mentoring Program at Twinfield. He requested that the mentoring program have a bank account and set up a link for donations on the Twinfield website.

Board Action

a. Act on Hiring Recommendation – Spanish Teacher

- Scott moved to approve the hiring of Josh Mulholland for a .8 Spanish teacher position. Jack seconded the motion. Hiring of Josh Mulholland for .8 Spanish teacher position approved.

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Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber