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TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 13, 2016

PRESENT: Patrick Healy, Scott Harris, Chandra Miller, Jack Hoffman **Administrators:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Mark Mooney, Principal **Student Representatives:** Sally Weinstein **Absent:** Jill Wilson, Dan Towner

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

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

a) Approve Minutes of the August 23, 2016 Meeting – Jack moved to approve the minutes as written. Patrick seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Reports

a. Student Report – Sally Weinstein
   - The ninth and tenth grade students had a picnic and hike at Hubbard Park and then walked to the state house.
   - The middle school students are planning a whale watch trip.
   - The Elementary School is working on planning a few field trips.

b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
   - The in-service days and start of school went well.
   - Act 166, Universal Pre-school is up and running. There are 9 Twinfield students signed-up pre-k in programs outside of Twinfield Union School. The pre-k program at Twinfield is currently serving 26 students. Late in the summer the AOE notified supervisory unions that finger print and background check would need to be done for all staff who would be working with children in a cooperating pre-k program.
   - The preparations for negotiations are underway.

c. Principal Report – Mark Mooney
   - With the implementation of Proficiency-Based Graduation requirements there was a need to develop some form of feedback for children and families regarding students' effort, persistence, cooperation, etc. Mark shared a rubric created to provide that feedback to students titled, "Habits of Work and Mind." Parents will have access to their child's progress on the portal and there will be a, "Habits of Work and Mind" report card completed for each student.

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Board Discussion

a. Video: "Our Time" and "The Making of the Video"
   - Nancy shared a video created by Up With Learning. The video, "Our Time" brings to life students thoughts, voices and feelings about the move toward proficiency-based learning.

b. Hiring Update
   - There was an open pre-k para-educator position that has been filled by Diane Molleur. She comes with many years of experience.

c. Early Retirement Option
   - The collective bargaining unit for teachers and support staff offers the opportunity for an early retirement option if approved by the board.
   - It is Nancy's recommendation to not offer an early retirement option this year for both teachers and support staff.

d. Exchange Student
   - An exchange student from China has visited Twinfield and has been auditing classes until approval by the board. Mark shared how valuable it has been to have exchange students in past years

Board Action

a. Act on Exchange Student
   - Patrick moved to approve up to two exchange students. Jack seconded the motion. Motion approved.

b. Act on Early Retirement Option
   - Scott moved to accept Nancy's recommendation to not offer early retirement this year to teachers and support staff. Jack seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber