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TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 22, 2015
Twinfield Union School Library

Present: Patrick Healy, Amy Wilton, Scott Harris, Jill Wilson, Dan Towner; **Administrators:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Bob Gulardo, Assistant Principal; **Absent:** Jack Hoffman, Samantha Lege, Bridgett Couture

Call to Order: Patrick Healy, chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Public Comment: Patrick Tibetts expressed concerns that his girlfriend's children could not be left off by the bus in the afternoons because their road had been deemed unsafe for the bus to travel. Nancy will look into the matter with Patrick and discuss further options. She will report back to the board.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve September 8, 2015 Minutes – Scott Harris moved to approve the minutes as written. Dan Towner seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Reports

- a. Student Report – Samantha Lege, Bridget Couture
 - None due to absence.
- b. Principal Report – Bob Gulardo
 - Twinfield will be collaborating with Cabot for X day offerings to start on Thursdays.. This week students will be voting on offerings and Bob will report back to the board.
 - The internet slowed down considerably or did not work at all following the implementation of the one to one computer usage for high school students. This happens at certain times during the day due to high use. Mark held a discussion with students and the students were able to come up with some great ideas to limit non-academic computer usage during peak hours. This was an excellent example of students taking responsibility and problem solving together.
 - Open house was a great success and was well attended.
- b. Superintendent Report– Nancy Thomas
 - Nancy moved to the board discussion to further discuss Act 46.
 - Next year, FY17 health insurance rates will increase by 7.9%.
- d. Twinfo – Bob Gulardo
 - Bob shared the soccer schedules with the board and invited all to attend when possible.
 - He is very pleased with the new athletic director as well as the coaching staff. The students are invested and coaches are doing a great job of teaching the players the game.

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Board Discussion

a. Act 46

- Nancy attended an informational meeting for superintendents about Act 46.
- There are currently 14 school districts working on the accelerated option for Act 46 merger process. Twelve other school districts are exploring other options.
- School Boards Association will be holding the local regional meeting on October 6 at Montpelier High School and will focus on Act 46.
- The Board will wait a month to see what Danville and other districts are going to do before forming a study committee.

b. Plan Board Retreat

- The Friends Meeting House is reserved for the October 27th Retreat.
- The retreat will be 6:00-9:00 pm.
- Will discuss the budget, negotiations, proficiency based graduation, community engagement, goals of the board and the school as a whole, board development.

c. Annual Work Calendar

- Nancy shared and went over the draft of the annual work calendar for the board.
- Added VSBA meetings October 6th for Act 46 and October 7th for benefits information.
- The December meeting will be moved from December 22 to December 15, 2015.

c. Facility Plan

- Patrick met last week with Mark, Pete, Nancy and Christina to work on facility plan for Twinfield Union School, which will come back to the Board later.

d. Early Retirement Option

- The collective bargaining agreement requires that the board to determine if they would like to offer an early retirement option to eligible faculty, based on seniority. The option offers 80% of salary and one year of insurance.
- Nancy recommended offering one or two slots.

Board Action:

- a. Act on early retirement option – Dan Towner moved to approve one early retirement slot. Patrick Healy seconded the motion. The motion failed on a 2 – 3 vote. Voting in the affirmative: Dan Towner, Jill Wilson, voting against the motion: Patrick Healy, Amy Welti, Scott Harris.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Transcriber