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**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 23, 2014, Twinfield School Library**

PRESENT: Patrick Healy, Dan Gadd, Monica Light, Anh Ducharme, Dan Towner; **Absent:** Jill Wilson;
Administration: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Mark Mooney, Principle; Bob Gulardo, Assistant Principal;
Student Representatives: None; **Guest:** Rich Phillips

Call to Order: Patrick Healy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve, September 9, 2014 Minutes: Under **Board Action** change Abare to Hebert regarding the Reappoint Truant Officer, correct Jill abstaining to voting no. Dan Gadd moved to accept the changed minutes, Dan Towner seconded- approved.

Reports

Superintendent Report - Nancy Thomas

- Professional Development with Mahesh Sharma for math and Beth Hulbert for literacy is going very well.
- School Board Association Regional Meeting for tomorrow, Nancy requested volunteers.
- Nancy shared information regarding Act 166, Universal Preschool. Many questions still to be answered. Questions can be sent to Nancy.

b **Principal Report** – Mark Mooney

- Mark reported that the first TA Buddy Day went well. All grades were involved in the assembly and classroom activities.
- Mark reported on the League of Innovative schools Design 21st Century conference spent with students and faculty.
- Mark reported options for the electronic and hard copy Field Notes. Mark has discussed cost with town clerks from Marshfield and Plainfield regarding their ongoing interest in helping with the cost. This needs to go before the select board. Pam Quinn and a TLC person have offered to help with the process.

d. **Student Report** – None

- e. **Tip of the week-** Patrick requested that board members think about questions or areas of school operation where they would like more information. The administration will provide “Twinformation” at each meeting.

Discussion

a. **Career Change/ Early Retirement Option for teachers**

- Nancy explained procedures and changes to the board.
- The board discussed the options with Mark and Nancy.
- Patrick moved to vote on 2 motions 1) If the Early Retirement Option for teachers would be open, 2) How many slots would be offered.

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b. Facility Use Policy

- Dan Towner reported he sent Jill the drafts again from both policies done last May.
- Facility Use Policy will be discussed on October 28th, 2014.

c. Retreat Planning

- Retreat will be on October 14, 2014 at the Friends Meeting House. As with any Board meeting, this is open to public.
- Dinner will be potluck as in the past.
- Christina and Pat have gone in the past due to financial and curriculum questions. Harry Franks has volunteered to facilitate.
- Nancy suggests the board to think of school board responsibilities and what offerings and opportunities for students are offered.
- Nancy suggests sharing information learned at the School Boards Regional Meeting.

Presentation

- Rich Phillips presented examples for the Twinfield Solar PV Draft Request.
- Discussed were options to be considered, possible system locations and designs, cost and finance options, customer in commercial systems, permitting, model agreement, and scheduling.
- Christina is working on this with another business manager, Charlie Wanzer and the energy group are working on this and so are community members Ed Hutchinson and Ann Miller.
- Proposed site visit at Twinfield on Tuesday October 14th at 9:00am for responders.
- Patrick moved to request that the superintendent continues RFI on the Twinfield Solar PV, and Monica seconded-approved.

Board Action

- a. Act on Career Change/Early Retirement option for teachers: Monica moved to approve opening up the early retirement to teachers and Dan Towner seconded. Monica, Dan Towner, and Anh voted for the motion, Patrick and Dan Gadd voted against the motion. The motion passed. Monica moved to have 2 slots offered. Dan Towner seconded. Monica, Dan Towner and Anh voted to approve, Patrick and Dan Gadd voted against the motion. The motion is approved.
- b. Facility Use Policy will be discussed on October 28th, 2014.

Executive Session

No executive session.

Future Agenda items

Equipment/Capital 5-10 year plan, Audit Findings, Food Service Program, Red School House, Facility Use Policy.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Liz Dickinson, Transcriber