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**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 27, 2016**

PRESENT: Patrick Healy, Scott Harris, Jack Hoffman, Chandra Miller **Administrators:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Bob Gulardo, Assistant Principal **Absent:** Dan Towner, Jill Wilson

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

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve September 13, 2016 Minutes – Jack Hoffman moved to approve the minutes of September 13th as written. Scott Harris seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Reports

- a. Student Report – Sally Weinstein, Jakob Dufresne
 - Students picked apples at Burt's Apple Orchard in Cabot.
 - The soccer season is underway and off to a great success.
 - Sixth grade students are making brief news announcements in the morning.
 - Seniors visited Saint Michael's College and attended the college fair.
- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
 - In the afternoon of September 29th there will be an informational meeting held with faculty and staff to share information from VEHI.
 - Still working out the kinks in regards to Act 166, Universal Pre-K.
 - Work is continuing on Act 46.
- d. Principal Report – Bob Gulardo
 - There have been some updates to the library. These include, fresh paint, reorganizing furniture as well as new furniture.
 - Regrettably, Music Teacher Terry Frye has resigned. The position has been posted and interviews will be underway soon.
 - September 29th will be the annual walk/roll/ ride to school. Buses will leave students off at central locations so that students can walk to school.
 - September 29th a PBIS Pals get together will be held. middle school and upper elementary students will get together with their pals. The 29th is also an early release day.

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Board Discussion

a. TTMP Presentation – Pam Quinn

- Pam Quinn the coordinator of the Twinfield Together Mentoring Program gave a brief over view of the three mentoring programs within TTMP.
- Community Based Mentoring: Mentors and mentees meet in the community 2-4 times per month doing things they both enjoy. Community-based mentoring is ongoing and meets in summer as well as the school year. This program is for students in 3rd grade – high school. (since 2009) There are currently 24 Community Mentoring Matches.
- Everybody Wins!: Mentors come into the school once a week and read with their mentee over breakfast or lunch. Everybody Wins is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. (Since 2012) There are currently 18 EW Literacy Mentoring matches.
- Peer Mentoring: High School students are matched with a youth in Kindergarten – 6th grade for a consistent friendship doing things they both enjoy. (Since 2015) There are currently 17 returning Peer Mentoring matches.
- TTMP brings a great deal to Twinfield:
 - A stronger sense of community for both youth and the mentors.
 - There are currently 41 community members who are connected to the school through their mentoring relationship.
 - They become more invested in the school, know what is happening in school, and attend school events.
 - Literacy support for emerging readers.
 - Commitment to community service for teens who become peer mentors.
 - Training, guidance, and on-going support to support health relationships.
 - A culture of mentoring that impacts the entire school culture.
 - A program that has been recognized as a model for other programs statewide.
- TTMP has requested that Twinfield's contribution increase from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00 per year, which was the amount contributed in FY13, FY14 and FY15.
- If the Twinfield contribution remains at \$2,500.00 TTMP risks losing Mobius Funding next year and will not be able to apply for another grant for Everybody Wins.

b. FY18 Budget Outline

- Nancy shared and reviewed the FY18 Budget Timeline.
- The Board will review the first draft of the budget at its meeting on November 8, 2016.

c. Act 46 Study Committee Update

- The Act 46 committee has met 2 times now.
- Peter Clarke was hired as the consultant.
- At the last meeting the committee discussed what people's hopes and dreams are for the merger as well as challenges that may come up along the way.
- There are some great discussions underway and getting to the heart of tough questions.

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- The next Act 46 Committee will next meet on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.
- The community members have been a great addition to the Act 46 Study Committee.
- The Community Engagement Committee will hold a training on October 13th about how to get involved in the process and hold meaningful discussions.

Board Action: None

Executive Session: None

Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber