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**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 28, 2017**

PRESENT: Patrick Healy, Jon Groveman (by telephone), Chandra Miller, Scott Harris, Lauren Cleary **Administrators:** Mark Tucker, Superintendent

Call to Order: Patrick Healy, chair called the meeting to order at 4:25pm.

Public Comment:

Chris Sheehan and Rebecca Emerson, teachers and Union members from Twinfield, were in attendance and asked to speak. This was allowed even though they are not residents of Marshfield or Plainfield, and had not asked to be put on the agenda. They both expressed opinions in favor of the Board offering early retirement option(s) next year.

Board Discussion

Early Retirement Option for Twinfield Teachers

- Mark recommended that the Board not offer early retirement options next year, due to several financial uncertainties including a possible deficit in the current year resulting from the Legislature's healthcare recapture; the need to cover next year's share of the healthcare recapture; a reported \$50M deficit in the State Ed Fund that will impact the budget, and; the unsettled teacher and support staff contracts, the financial impact of which is uncertain at this time.
- Jon expressed his unwillingness to support this recommendation without additional information on the implications for and against.

Board Action: Patrick moved and Scott seconded to accept the Superintendent's recommendation on early retirement. The Board voted 3 to 2 in favor of the motion. Twinfield will not offer early retirement options next year.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm

Next Meeting:

TUS Board October 10, 2017

TUS Board October 24, 2017

WNESU Board October 26, 2017

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Respectfully Submitted
Mark Tucker, Minute Taker