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**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

**Twinfield Union School Library**

**PRESENT:** Patrick Healy, Dan Towner, Scott Harris, Jill Wilson, Jack Hoffman **Administrators:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Mark Mooney, Principal **Student Representatives:** Samantha Lege, Bridget Couture

**Call to Order:** Patrick Healy, chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda**

Approve August 25, 2015 Minutes – Jill Wilson moved to approve the August 25, 2015 minutes. Jack Hoffman seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

**Reports**

a. Superintendent Report - Nancy Thomas

- The start of the school year is going smoothly. The old staff room was remodeled and is now the wellness room.
- Community Engagement project is well underway. Two meetings have been held this summer and there is another meeting coming up later in September to plan community activities. The group will address moving toward proficiency based graduation requirements, personalized learning and how to get the community involved.
- Act 46: September 1<sup>st</sup> a meeting was held with board chairs and vice chairs from Cabot, Plainfield and Caledonia Central Supervisory Union (Danville, Barnet, Peacham and Walden). This was a very preliminary introduction to the district operations and leadership.

b. Principal Report – Mark Mooney

- This week the WIN (What I Need) block will start up. There will be four professionals, including the teachers from the learning lab who will work with students by grade providing support or enrichment for students in needed areas.
- The Renaissance program is starting up creating unique learning experiences for students.
- Open house is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2015.

c. Student Report– Samantha Lege, Bridget Couture

- High School Students have received new laptops and they are very helpful.
- Samantha has been attending Community Engagement Meetings. The group is currently discussing how to get the word out about Act 77.

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- Students are currently being offered a Bio-Ethics course. This is a combination of both English and Science.

### **d. Twinfield – Personalized learning Plans**

- Twinfield will be piloting the LiFT program in partnership with SchoolHack Solutions.
- LiFT will be used by some students to develop their personalized learning plan, express interest areas as well as aid teachers in developing curriculum. If this goes well we may move from the Naviance program currently in place.

## **Board Discussion**

### **a. Second Reading: Revised Policy F30 Prevention of Harassment, Hazing and Bullying of Students**

- The revision of Policy F30 combines the policies for harassment, hazing and bullying and clearly lays out the procedures in dealing with these situations.
- An update about the policy revision and procedures was given at in-service for faculty and staff.
- If Policy F30 is not adopted it is assumed that Twinfield will follow this policy in order to be in compliance with state law in the instances of harassment, hazing and bullying.
- Dan Towner suggested looking into options for restorative practice for discipline.
- Scott Harris expressed concerns about the guidance counselors as investigators. Mark Mooney will talk to staff and see if there is an interest in being trained to perform investigations in the instances of hazing, harassment and/or bullying.

### **b. Act 46 Next Steps**

- On September 1<sup>st</sup> Nancy, Patrick, Scott and Jack attended a meeting with board members from Cabot and Caledonia Central Supervisory Union to discuss the possibilities of collaborative work.
- Nancy has spoken with the AOE about a grant to pay for an exploratory study and looked at options for Twinfield in regards to Act 46.
- On September 17<sup>th</sup> Twinfield and Cabot Board will meet to discuss what questions to explore in the study.
- Twinfield is eligible for a \$5,000.00 grant to help fund the exploratory study.
- Board members felt it would be helpful to have someone from the AOE available to answer questions at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **c. Filling of Plainfield Board Seat**

- Two people have expressed interest in the open school board seat.
- Information has been forwarded to the Plainfield Select Board. They will hold a meeting on September 14, 2015 and should select a person to fill the vacant board seat.

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d. Annual Work Plan

- Nancy shared a draft of the annual work calendar for the Twinfield Union School Board.
- The school board will hold a work retreat on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Action**

- a. Approve Policy F30 – Scott Harris moved to approve F30. Dan Towner seconded the motion. Policy F30 approved.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Patrick Healy adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber