

TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday – November 8, 2011

School Library

Present: Patrick Healy, Amy Darling, Michael Nobles, Pat Boyle, and Monica Light **Administration:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Mark Mooney, Principal; Carol Amos, Associate Principal; and Rob Billings, Business Manager **Student Representatives:** Cristin Martin and Erin Hall **Absent:** Jill Wilson

Call to order: Michael Nobles, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Consent Agenda

- a. October 18, 2011 minutes
- b. November 1, 2011 minutes

Michael made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Patrick seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- a. Superintendent Report – Nancy reported that Orange North has invited Twinfield to a meeting being held on December 7th to discuss the possibilities of Twinfield being the designated high school for Orange students, 9th through 12th grade. The presentation will be held on December 7th at 6:30 pm at the Orange Center School. They have requested information on program offerings and any financial incentives. Nancy reported that Debra Stoleroff, Renaissance teacher, has been chosen to go to Germany for a Study Tour on energy usage. She was chosen by The American Council on Germany. She will be participating in briefings and discussions with leaders in the field of energy conservation.
- b. Principal Report – Mark reported that the first progress reports have gone out using the new Student information system, Power School. There was some difficulty with it; there will be staff training on PowerSchool on Friday and after school next week. Mark reported that the new website will be released after the December break. The gym floor will be cleaned on a more regular basis. Carol reported that the Craft Bazaar is being held on December 3rd from 9-2. Jan Danziger is organizing a visit from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra on Nov 22nd. Carol Amos, Darcy Buret, Sharyn Baum, Rebecca Emerson and Cathy Dupont are working with Pat Johnson Knoerl, Curriculum Director, a process to implement the “Common Core”; a new set of student assessments.
- c. Student Representative Report – Cristin and Erin reported that the Middle School Halloween dance was very successful. The student council hosted the dance as a fundraiser. The students appreciated the assembly on the break in. The student council is planning a Trojan Time for Nov 22nd. There will be awards, group games and a performance. The students reported that new rules have been posted in the Common Room.

Community Garden and Farm to School Proposal: Sarah Vecci

- a. Angie Barger and Sarah Vecci reported on a grant from New England Grassroots Environmental Fund of \$1,000. The grant is for creating a community garden. They were requesting space on the Twinfield campus for the garden.
- b. Farm to School – Sarah is actively searching for Grants to fund the program into January. She is also looking for support from the FY13 budget.

Board Discussion

- a. Security System Options – Nancy outlined her proposal for a security system. She has looked into many types of security systems. Nancy’s recommendation is to order video cameras ourselves and have Dean Deasy, 3D Electric, install them. The estimated cost \$6,200.00. Rob shared that there is money available in this year’s budget. The board agreed to move forward with the security system.
- b. Hot Water Update – There was a Hot Water Tank ordered. The new tank will incorporate all the latest efficiencies, the hot water tank we have currently had for 40 years. Rich Phillips reviewed different options. Nancy and Rob wanted to acknowledge all the work that Rich put in for the school.
- c. Roofing Update – The roofing project can be bid out as two different projects, there will be no need for prequalification. Nancy is confident that we will get better results in the bidding process.
- d. New Truck Issues – The new truck has been delivered. The administration has requested Richard to take the truck home until further notice. The process for allowing employees to take home school owned vehicles will be revisited at a later date.

- e. FY13 Budget: Review 1st draft – Rob handed out the first draft of the FY13 budget. The budget represented a 2.25% increase over FY12 budget. He explained that the worst case scenario based on this budget would be a tax rate increase for Marshfield of \$1.61 and Plainfield of \$1.36. The board was asked to review the proposed budget and come back with questions, concerns, and/or suggestions.

Board Action

- a. Rescind Policies – The following policies were either replaced, Governed by Law, or in the Student Handbook: Attendance, Student Accountability, Definition of Seniors, Elementary Class Placement, Graduation Participation, Dress Code, Pregnant and/or Parenting Students, Student Driver, Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing: Transportation Employees, Disease Control, Comprehensive HIV PK-12, Water Sampling, Permanent Health Files, Tobacco Prohibition, Blood borne Pathogens, and Substance Abuse. Pat made a motion to rescind the policies, Patrick seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda items:

- a. Budget Planning

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Kimball
Transcriber