

Approved
Twinfield Union School Special Board Meeting
Twinfield Union School Library & Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Call to order by Patrick Healy

In attendance: Patrick Healy, Erin Barry, Janna Osman, Mark Kaufman, Milena Yasus, Sara Cain, Student Rep Marianna Cleary, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principal Mark Mooney, Asst Principal Rachel Hartman, Stephanie Ainslie, Tracey Witherspoon

Consent Agenda

Minutes from April 11, 2023

A **motion** to approve the minutes by Janna Osman and seconded by Mark Kaufman. Motion passed.

Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker

- School Facility Analysis will be August 8 & 9th
- PCB testing – there is a plan to do source testing.
- Remediation costs for PCB are still being worked out.
- Statewide testing is underway – tech issues are still being worked out.
- Letter of intent done for Project Aware – program revolves around social emotional learning and mental health. Grant will fund a project coordinator at CCSU for 5 years.

Board discussion on the new Statewide testing system.

Student Services Report – no questions

Curriculum Report – question/discussion on development.

Principal's Report – Mark Mooney and Rachel Hartman were present to highlight a few items.

- Green up day went great. Collected 70 bags.
- **May 25th** – community invited to campus. Will highlight items from the school year.
- **June 7th** – Carnival, community is invited 10 – 1.
- Middle School next year will be shifted around in the building. The section will now be 6-8th.
- Hiring update.
- Rachel Hartman gave a student configuration for elementary for next year due to student counts.

Charlotte Murphy – New Art Teacher, was present to meet the board.

May 19th - Mentoring Group breakfast. For anyone interested in mentoring.

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Student Rep Report – Marianna Cleary

- Green up day was held – it was a success.
- Softball has moved up to division 3.
- Dream Program
- Passage presentations are starting tomorrow for 10th graders.
- Field trip to Burlington for college visits.
- Jr class is going to Boston.
- J term is only 1 day.
- Prom tickets are on sale.

Twinfield Land Stewardship Program – Tracey Witherspoon gave a presentation to the board. This program/committee will centralize how the land is used and share ideas on activities that can take place on the land. Several ideas such as beehives, composting piles, mushroom & garlic farming etc. could be done on the land for project-based learning.

Montreal Trips

A **motion** to approve the trips to Montreal by Erin Barry and Milena Yasus. Motion passed. Morgan Amador was present to inform the school board on the trip itinerary.

C29 District Equity Policy – recommended at the SU level that districts adopt the policy. Discussion on how equity is measured.

A **motion** to adopt policy C29 by Janna Osman and Milena Yasus. Motion passed.

TAN (Tax Anticipation Note) – Mark Tucker explained what the TAN is and how it is used. Mike Concessi puts the note out to bid. Passumpsic Savings Bank had the best bid for the district.

A **motion** to approve the TAN with Passumpsic Savings Bank in the amount of \$1,055,072 by Erin Barry and seconded by Milena Yasus. Motion passed.

Teacher Hiring Recommendation

First Grade Teacher – Matthew Flinn

Board asked questions regarding literacy and facing challenges.

A **motion** to approve the hiring of Matthew Flinn by Janna Osman and seconded by Milena Yasus. Motion passed.

Superintendent Interim Hiring Authority – this gives the Superintendent with the board chair or vice chair the ability to hire a candidate without waiting for a board meeting until September board meeting.

A **motion** to authorize the Superintendent and board chair/vice chair hiring authority until September by Janna Osman and seconded by Milena Yasus. Motion passed.

Development of School Calendar – Mark and the board discussed how the calendar is created and all the factors that are involved in creating the time frames. Our calendar needs to align as much as possible with the tech centers.

Superintendent Evaluation Committee – CCSU board has voted to contract with VSBA to run the evaluation.

A **motion** to have Mark Kaufman sit on the committee by Erin Barry and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Cell Phone Policy Discussion – Look to create a research review committee to develop this policy. Board roundtable discussion on creating a cell phone policy and how to get community involvement. Discussion on how many readings of a policy should be done before it is voted on. The SU has a policy on policies, it addresses required vs recommended. Multiple readings can be used for changes and adjustments. Policy and changes can be made in increments depending on what is decided.

End of the Year- Teacher Appreciation – Board discussed plans for the year end appreciation. Luncheon, chair message, etc.

Future Meetings: Tuesday, June 13th, 2023 at 6 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting by Patrick Healy and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole