

Unapproved
Twinfield Union School Special Board Meeting
Twinfield Union School Library & Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 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, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principal Mark Mooney, Asst Principal Rachel Hartman, incoming Secondary Principal Stephanie Ainslie

Public Comment – none

Addition: Quick review of budget status

Consent Agenda

Minutes from May 9, 2023

A **motion** to approve the minutes by Erin Barry and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker

- Looking at sources of the pcb.
- Statewide testing is complete.
- Family income data collection – State is recreating the form. Need to work on getting 100% participation from families.

Mark Kaufman noted his concern with the new Statewide testing and how the data can be compared with national data. Discussion on the difficulties with the new software and the students that struggled to use it. Board discussion on testing scores and how they impact the school. There is no negative impact, it just makes it hard to assess how students are doing especially when the students get frustrated and just give up on the testing.

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

- Wonderful end of year concert.
- Renaissance Studies – Mark read off some of the student's favorite experiences. 70% of students have participated in at least one.
- Softball season was a great success – made up of the 3 high schools.
- Great turnout for community celebration.
- Looking at plans for next year. Discussion on school day length and scheduling.
- Noted staff positions that are still open. School is looking for Paraeducators.

Students created a booklet on edible plants on the school grounds. Students did research to find out what was edible and could be foraged.

Student Services Report – no questions

Mark Kaufman is going to share with Mark Tucker an email regarding Code Monkey.

Cell Phone Policy Discussion - Angie Barger (SEL Counselor) was present. Janna read a paragraph from the research regarding cell phone use in schools. Board discussion on how to implement a cell phone policy. Mark Tucker suggested policy be changed in increments - start with certain time periods and get stricter if need be. Erin read an agreement regarding cell phone use in school that could go home with students that have both the student and parent read and sign. Board worked on expanding/altering the agreement.

Angie shared a presentation regarding cell phone use in schools.

There was lots of board discussion on this topic. Discussion on students having a voice in some of these decisions. Community task force to include staff, administrators, community members and especially students can help create guidelines. Discussion on which grades have/use cell phones and can there be different usage between the levels.

Lighting Project – need to replace some fluorescent lighting. The project will cost \$75,460. Funds will come from the capital reserve account.

A **motion** to accept the lighting project by Mark Kaufman and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Additional Admin Assistant FTE -

A **motion** to accept the request of moving a portion of an employee's existing FTE to admin assistant by Erin Barry and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Board Retreat – September 12th at the Central Office

Red School House – Looking into options for the property.

5-year plan update – still being worked on. Mark Tucker gave an update on where the budget is falling right now for FY23. Looking to be over budget.

Next Regular Meeting – August 8th at 6 PM

Janna gave a quick update on what the Career Center is working on.

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting by Patrick Healy.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole