

Approved
Twinfield Union School Special Board Meeting
Twinfield Union School Library & Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Call to order by Patrick Healy at 6:18 PM

In attendance: Patrick Healy, Erin Barry, Janna Osman, Mark Kaufman, Milena Yasus, Sara Cain, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principal Rachel Hartman, Principal Stephanie Ainslie, Business Manager Michael Concessi

Addition to Agenda – Additional Resources for Mentoring Program

Public Comment – none

Consent Agenda

Minutes from June 13, 2023

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

Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker

- PCB testing at Twinfield – Mark is waiting on a report. Looks like it has to do with a waste oil tank in the attic.

Principal's Report –

- School has been dealing with flooding – resources have been set up.
- Summer program went great.
- School is still hiring/looking for Paraeducators.
- Working on Professional Development with teachers.

Board question on 5th grade classroom. It will be re-organized to have one 4th grade, one 5th grade and one 4th/5th grade split.

Question on when the handbook goes out. Handbook should be done within the next couple of weeks. Will be shared once complete on the website and a link on the newsletters.

Student Services Report – Janna had some questions on compliance. Discussion on compliance and being in compliance year to year.

Board Discussion

FY22 Audited Financial Statement – Michael Concessi was present to share the final FY22 Audit Report. Erin asked about some of the items in the report that stated, “the district does not have a policy in place”. Should we have a policy in place – Mike will check with the auditors.

Mike will be presenting the Preliminary FY23 figures at the start of the school year.

Mark Tucker noted that with the equalized pupil changes, it should be beneficial for Twinfield moving forward.

Impacts of flooding on adjoining properties (Discussion) – Soccer field has damage, school is good.

Fire chief had to open a space between the Onion River Campground and the Softball field since the bridge cannot be used. Campground would like a letter stating that the current situation will stay in place for now. This would allow people to use the temporary road to get in and out. They would also like a parking area roped off so that people/residents can park their cars and then walk in and like to continue to have a dumpster in the rear part of the parking lot for the residents to use.

Town is looking into leasing a temporary bridge. The route currently being used is not enough for emergency vehicles to pass through.

Board feels that we can try this. The Twinfield parking lot will not be used as parking since that causes security concerns. School needs to know who is on the property during the school day.

Mark Tucker will draft a Memorandum of Understand (MOU) addressing all the items listed above. School board would like to have a check in every week to make sure the plan is working ok. Discussion on knowing who the residents are that will be using the parking space and temporary road. Board would like to ask that anyone that needs to drive through the school avoid doing so during the school day if possible. Discussion on having the license plates of every vehicle that will be parked or using the temporary road.

Discussion on if the campground still has campers on the property.

Soccer field has a lot of sand and gravel that came down from the brook. Need to get the gravel and sand off but not sure it can be used this year for actual games. Patrick has spoken with someone regarding removing the sand and gravel. Price comes in around 8-10k to move it off and set it off to the side.

Filed a claim with VSBIT regarding damage done to the soccer field. Not sure if FEMA can help, Mark is looking into it.

Discussion on if moving the game day soccer field is worth looking into for the future. For now, we just need to work on getting the sand and gravel off the existing field.

Community members have offered their time in clearing the field, cannot do that for liability issues but also the amount of sand and gravel is just too much.

FEMA has moved from Twinfield to Danville School.

Other Business

Question on if any memorial will be done for David Hill. School is looking at ideas.

Additional Mentoring Funding – Pam Quinn can apply for a grant to pay for a part time support person.

A **motion** to approve a temporary part time grant funded mentoring position by Erin Barry and seconded by Sara Cain. Motion passed.

Future Meetings: Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 at 6 p.m. – Board Meeting

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting by Erin Barry and seconded by Milena Yasus.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole