

Unapproved
Twinfield Union School Special Board Meeting
Twinfield Union School Library & Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 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, Acting Superintendent Anne Landry, Principal Rachel Hartman, Principal Stephanie Ainslie

Addition to Agenda –
Compliance staffing with the State
VSBA
Student Report
Makers School

Public Comment – see below

Principal Report – some points highlighted

Great start to the school year. Rachel and Sarah went over what the classrooms are working on. Sports have started. Transportation has been a challenge. Still hiring Support Staff – need two. Biggest gaps are TLC and transportation. Up For Learning recommended Twinfield for a program. The program revolves around progressive education. High Schoolers will be engaged in this program. 80 teachers from all over will be visiting the school. Sarah went over some upcoming events at the school. Working on updated bus routes – will be released to the community/families.

Board discussion on bus driver shortage and workarounds until we can hire another driver. Plan to have a community discussion during open house.

Student Service Report – Psychology and Speech services will be done remotely – have not been able to hire in-house.

Student Report – Principals read the report that Marianna supplied.

Board discussed cell phones in the classroom – this applies to Apple watches.

Superintendent Report – Question on how data from testing will be shared. Waiting on the State and then will be shared. Twinfield was notified of being a school that needs comprehensive support. Waiting on information from the AOE on what the needs are.

Project Aware – Grant that will be for mental health support. Talk Space is also being utilized – all virtual.

Board Retreat: Trainings & Goals

The board went around and discussed what they would like for training, the subjects they would like training on and their goals for this upcoming year.

Discussed having Professionals come into the school and talk about their careers with the High School students.

Discussion around student leadership in the school. Board would like to hear more about what that entails and how the community is involved.

Discussion on knowing what the staff needs to feel supported.

The board noted that they need to keep these current conversations going. They need to show themselves as a support in the school and work with the community for involvement.

Public Comment -

Jessica (public) – School schedule and the impact that it has on families. Has had to change her nurse position 3 times to align with the schedule changes that keep taking place at the school. Noted the student enrollment went down but the budget went up. What are the plans for the Afterschool program? Why has funding for the program gone down?

School board will note the questions and get back to Jessica with the answers. Patrick Healy will supply answers in writing to Jessica if requested. Patrick requested that Jessica write down her questions and they will be answered. She was asked to email questions to Anne Landry, Acting Superintendent.

VSBA Conference – Upcoming – members can sign up. Any trainings that the board would like to attend, they can.

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting by Janna Osman and seconded by Mark Kaufman.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole