

Approved
Twinfield Union School Special Board Meeting
Twinfield Union School Library – Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 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

Chris Sheehan – Wrapped up 3rd Model UN of the year. School received a grant from the AOE to go see Eric Holder at the Flynn Theater. Chris will be a Rowland fellow for the next two years. The fellow is to create a program that will last at the school. Chris explained how the fellowship/program works.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from February 28, 2023 Informational Meeting & March 14, 2023

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

Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker

- PCB test results came back. Still waiting on getting the source testing done.
- New school wide testing program – TUS starts testing this week.
- Went to a crisis planning training in Waterbury last week.
- SU will receive a small settlement from the class action suit against Juul. Around \$23k. Funds will be spent for programs regarding tobacco prevention.
- Update on electric bus update. Charging equipment is part of the grant.

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

- Hiring updates

Student Rep Report – Marianna Cleary

- SAT testing is taking place.
- Softball has started.
- Student Voice organizing a middle school dance.
- J Term – options were just released.
- Rally for the Planet – some TUS students will be attending the rally.

Student Services Report – no questions

Board Discussion

Superintendent's Recommendation of Stephanie Ainslie-Secondary Principal –

A **motion** by Mark Kaufman and seconded by Janna Osman to accept the hiring of Stephanie Ainslie. Motion passed.

New Teacher Hire - Charlotte Murphy, Elementary Art –

A **motion** to accept the hire of Charlotte Murphy by Erin Barry and seconded by Mark Kaufman. Motion passed.

Monsanto PCB Lawsuit – lawsuit being put together for schools that are being affected by pcb. Multiyear effort – does not cost the schools anything to join the lawsuit. Danville and Cabot voted to join the suit. It is up to each school to decide if they want to join.

A **motion** by Mark Kaufman and seconded by Sara Cain to join the Monsanto Lawsuit. Motion approved.

End of the Year- Teacher Appreciation – board discussion on what was done last year and what can be done this year. Looking at luncheon, picnic tables etc. Will continue to have discussions.

Board Education –

Did you know? What is Public Comment? Patrick Healy went over what public comment is. At the start of the meeting, it is for someone from the public to make a comment or ask a question on items that are not on the agenda. Public comment is also for when the board is going through agenda items, the public can ask questions or join in the conversation.

Discussion on guidelines around the agenda (when it is released and what it details).

Patrick mentioned that he attended the Wednesday staff meeting. The board discussed that it is important to continually make sure the community is aware of what is happening at the school to try and keep them involved.

Future Meetings: Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 at 6 p.m. - Regular Meeting

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting by Patrick Healy and seconded by Erin Barry. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole