

Approved
Twinfield Union School Board Meeting
Twinfield Union School Library
Tuesday, November 19, 2019
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Call to order and Introductions: Patrick Healy, Chair

Board Members Present: Patrick Healy, Erin Barry, Lauren Cleary, Janna Osman, Manny Sainz
Administrators Present: Mark Mooney, Mark Tucker, Christina Kimball

Additions to Agenda - none

Motion to approve agenda as written with additions listed above by Patrick Healy and seconded by Lauren Cleary. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Approve October 8, 2019 Minutes – **motion** to approve minutes as written by Lauren Cleary and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Twinfield still looking for a part time bus driver. Superintendent snapshot evaluation results released on CCSU website. Starting the Principal evaluation process.

Principal Report – Mark touched on his report. Noted that their school nurse was recognized as school nurse of the year. After-school program for secondary students is up and running. Getting ideas from students on ideas of what they would be interested in doing during this time. Trying to build beyond the sports programs. Twinfield has hired a new custodian/bus driver. Efficiency Vermont has been in and working with the school.

Student Services – Sabrina’s report focuses on the influx of students that have moved into the Supervisory Union that are on IEPs. Needed to open some new positions and currently doing some hiring. First round of time studies is being wrapped up.

VSAC will be present at the school to help students with financial aid paperwork and looking at different options for students regarding degrees and certifications.

Twinfo – Janna – Central Vermont Career Center. Interviewed the guidance counselor at Twinfield. Twinfield has 18 students that participate in the programs offered thru the career center. Janna went over the programs/fields offered and how it works for the students and what they can do after school to either obtain their certification or take their studies onto college and finish out their degrees.

Board Discussion

Diane – RAMP – Passed out a guideline to follow along with. 2018 town meeting passed resolutions and the climate action team was formed. Addressing 3 areas weatherization, solar, transportation. Ramp = Revitalizing all of Marshfield and Plainfield. Efficiency Vermont has done a walk through at the school. Received a list from Efficiency Vermont on things that can be done to help the school be more efficient. Some items are very simple with little cost and some are more detailed. Efficiency Vermont is offering incentives to school. Would like to ask the school to work with Efficiency Vermont and use the incentives and tools offered by them. Possibly one of the board members would be a connection to the taskforce.

Discussion on Solar and if it is a possibility and where the panels could be put. It was asked that a proposal be put together that could be presented to the board.

\$115,000 offered by Efficiency Vermont to put towards projects to be completed (list was given to school). Committed to have 60% of work done by end of calendar year and if so, money can be carried over.

The board made a **motion** to accept the Efficiency Vermont Grant award for \$115,000 by Erin Barry and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

High School Collaboration discussion between Cabot, Twinfield & Danville –

Board members joining the meeting from Cabot and Danville: Tim Sanborn, Robert Edgar, Clayton Cargill and Bruce Melendy from Danville; Lisa Olson, Sharon O'Connor, Chris Tormey, and Rory Thibault from Cabot; Dave Schilling, Principal of Danville School. Glenda Cresto, Cabot Principal was out of town.

Thoughts/discussions on programs that the High Schools can collaborate on. Ideas are drama programs, music, lacrosse and other sports. Some things can be done collectively, and some can still be done at the individual schools. Look at what schools currently have and what they would like to see or have.

Discussion on what transportation would look like and other barriers.

Could some of the employees that are needed but not necessarily needed full time, can the employee be shared between the schools.

Also look at the community as a whole and the community resources available.

Take into consideration the timing of conversations with coaches etc. Also, conversation about students are multi-faceted and might want to do more than one activity during a season.

Discussion on more opportunities is a draw for the schools. It will also create opportunities at a younger age.

Discussion on summer school/summer program collaboration. Would be a great opportunity for students to get to know each other.

Equity Article –Look at list to give thoughts on. Agree, Argue, Aspire (Homework for December Meeting)

Athletics Cooperative Sports – Went well.

Alternative Transportation – Yes, will look at options and costs.

Insulation Project Main Building – Efficiency Vermont feels like there are other things that should be done first.

Global Citizenship and Climate March – Discussion on why it was not an excused absence for students that day. Janna felt that it should have been supported more. Mark T. said the reason was concerns given by Montpelier Police Department and the school did not want to excuse absences and take on the liability for the students should something happen. Janna understood the reasoning and appreciated the backstory on why/how decision was made.

A motion to adjourn was made by Patrick Healy and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole