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Twinfield Union School Regular Board Meeting
Twinfield Union School Library – Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Call to order by Patrick Healy

Board Members Present: Janna Osman, Manny Sainz, Lauren Cleary, Patrick Healy, Jamie Spector, Erin Barry, Student Representatives

Administrators Present: Superintendent Mark Tucker, Asst Principal Rachel Hartman
Pam Quinn from the Together Mentoring Program
Member of Public - none

Addition to Agenda: Present Covid Protocol

Approve October 13, 2020 Minutes

A **motion** to approve the minutes as written by Manny Sainz and seconded by Lauren Cleary.
Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report – Some points discussed –

Town meeting update/thoughts. Governor has spoken publicly about his desire to have the State mail ballots for all Town Meeting items. Legislature would need to act on this idea. No details yet how that would impact our planning for School budget voting. There was a positive Covid case at Danville School. No exposure inside the school and the school was able to work through the procedures with the Department of Health. State will be sending out Covid tests to the schools for surveillance testing for those that want to participate. Self-administered test.

Lauren had a few things to bring up and mention. She is hearing that the school is not utilizing outside time and being outside as much as they could be. Meals are not being taken outside on nice days. Masks still not being worn properly. How is this being addressed?

Mark discussed that one employee has been put on notice for not following the mask order.

Rachel was present to go over when students go out and when it is utilized. Discussed when masks are not worn and how lunch schedules are currently being done. Boosters have been added to the outside so the internet can be accessed outside in those areas. Still utilizing the outside tents.

Principal's Report – Some points discussed -

- VSAC Aspirations program continues with planning ongoing. VSAC has a couple events coming up – working with students and parents.
- After School program is in full swing.
- Fall sports have wrapped up.
- Life skills group – class for students to teach day to day life skills - continues but has modified their activities. Currently unable to go out into the community.

Discussion on how much the board appreciates the staff and their level of dedication.

Student Services Report – No discussion

Student Representative Reports –

- Power square summit is coming up. Involves students and parents from around the world.
- Peer leadership group met with 6th grade teachers. Hoping to start discussions about equity.
- NHS has started up again.
- Winter Carnival will be moved to the spring.
- Arranging food drives.
- Working to get more student reps on the equity team.

Black Lives Matter Flag - Student reps would like to do a presentation to each class level on what the flag represents and have equity discussions. They then would like to get feedback from the school staff and students on thoughts about raising the flag. After that, present to the board and community. Looking to model after Cabot School and their procedures for raising the flag.

Board discussion on the presentations and order of them. Community presentation would be given, and the board would be present to hear and be part of discussion. Administration emphasized that this needs to be a student-driven process and the students need time to do this correctly. Discussion on survey that will be sent out for feedback. The board would like the student reps to give updates and it sounds like they have a good path laid out.

Presentation on Twinfield Together Mentoring Program by Pam Quinn -

Presentation on the different mentoring programs that take place such as community and peer mentoring. Due to Covid the guidelines have changed a bit. Mentors and mentees were able to meet face to face with social distancing and masks. Zoom meetings and note cards are ways to stay connected.

New Phone System – have had numerous phone system issues over the past several years. Finally came to a head and needed to be fixed. Mark T. authorized the school to move ahead with replacing the system. A new phone system is \$32,500.

A **motion** to approve the new phone system by Janna Osman and seconded by Lauren Cleary. Motion approved.

Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 at 6 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

Discussion on CEN. Will be with Passumpsic instead of Community.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Patrick Healy.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole