

Approved
Twinfield Union School Regular Board Meeting
Remote - Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, December 8, 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, Student Representatives

Administrators Present: Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principal Mark Mooney, Curriculum Director Jessica Monahan

Addition to Agenda: Action Item – Australian Ballot, Career Center

Public Comment – Chris Sheehan (teacher) noted how great it is that school has been able to stay open.

Approve November 10, 2020 Minutes

A **motion** to approve the minutes by Janna Osman and seconded by Manny Sainz. Motion passed.

Superintendent’s Report –

Looks like there will be no change to the current guidelines on travel and Holiday gatherings. Discussion on the flu vaccine clinic that took place at the school. Winter sports are still on hold.

Janna noted that she really appreciates Mark Tucker’s communication, they have been wonderful. Lauren wondered if the newsletters could be condensed in some cases. Concern that if they are too long people will not read them.

Principal’s Report –

Mark Mooney went over items in his report. After School program is going well. Middle school is building a museum of 2020. Discussion on assessments, have access and using some interim testing. Remote students do not have access to SBAC testing.

Student Services Report – No discussion

Student Representative Reports –

- Spring Carnival is being planned
- Fundraising for food shelf
- Starting to look at possibility of Senior Prom
- “The Hate you Give” book to be read school wide possibly

Black Lives Matter Flag Update – Presentations scheduled for High School and then Middle School. Will do a survey after doing the student presentations to get feedback from school peers.

Career Center Report – Janna Osman

Grant received from the government for tools and items needed for students to work from home. Teacher choice awards were given out along with Student choice awards. Last year the tuition increased by 10% and this year will only be .6%

Financial Report for FY20 –

Mike Concessi went over where FY20 ended and what is projected for FY21. At this point, Twinfield is looking to end with a small surplus. It was noted though that there is still a lot of time left in the year. Lots of unknowns still. Discussion on why most schools run deficits in food programs. Also, discussion on why food service funds move through fund 5 vs fund 1.

Data Presentation – Jessica Monahan

Jessica was present to give a PowerPoint presentation on assessments and which assessment tools are currently being used and given. Jessica was able to show the proficiency percentages for each grade level in math and reading. Looking at last winter and this fall. No spring scores due to Covid.

There was lots of board discussion on where the Twinfield assessment figures currently are and what can be done to improve the proficiency.

Black Lives Matter Update –

Doing presentations with the High School and after break, Middle School presentations. Then they will send out survey and bring information back to the board.

Policies -

Policies Adopted by CCSU Board on behalf of District Boards in accordance with revised policy A5

- Policy B5: Employee Unlawful Harassment, sets guidelines and definitions for what is considered employee to employee harassment; C4-English Learners, supersedes existing
- C4 by changing the Title from “Limited English Proficiency Students” to “English Learners;”
- C13 Homeless Students, Raises to the policy level current support under the McKinney-Vento Act for students who are determined to be homeless.

Policy A22: Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy A22 (Discussion, possible adoption)

A **motion** to adopt policy A22 as written by Lauren Cleary and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Policy A25: Delegation of Authority during state of emergency due to COVID-19 Pandemic

A **motion** to adopt policy A25 as written by Janna Osman and seconded by Manny Sainz.
Motion passed.

Articles for Annual Meeting moved to Australian Ballot –

A **motion** pursuant to Act 162 of 2020, I move to conduct the Twinfield Union school district's 2021 annual meeting using the Australian Ballot voting method for all articles by Lauren Cleary and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Future Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Patrick Healy.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole