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Twinfield Union School Informational Meeting
Twinfield Union School Library – Zoom Meeting
Thursday, March 31, 2021
6:00 p.m.

6:04 p.m. Call to order by Patrick Healy

In attendance: Janna Osman, Manny Sainz, Lauren Cleary, Erin Berry, Patrick Healy, Jamie Spector, Principal Mark Mooney, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Members of the public

Mark Tucker gave a presentation – items highlighted:

- Changes that impacted the FY22 Budget – FTE decrease, salary increase for teachers and support staff, health insurance increases.
- Changes in revenue sources and changes in the operations budget
- Education Spending, Equalized Pupils, CLA and the Yield Rate impact on the tax rate ● Board had approved the FY22 budget with all these factors discussed. The change in the yield rate was not in that budget. The yield rate was released after the FY22 was voted on by the board. The new yield rate lowered the local tax rate.

Public Comment –

Charlie thanked Mark for his presentation about what the public is voting on. And voiced reservations about all the other voters who weren't hearing the information. Also noted how absurd it is that voters don't know what they are voting on since the information has changed

Sasha feels like Mark Tucker's report was comprehensive and easy to read that was sent out to voters. Appreciated the cards that were sent out by Linda and Bobbi. And feels confident in the Twinfield School Board.

Charlie would like to see a more informed election. And recommends going back to a Floor Meeting. The average turnout for the last 5 years has been 7.4 people, and Charlie was one of them each year. Offered that voters should have a discussion before making a decision.

Lauren Cleary vehemently disagrees.

Mark Tucker welcomes the input. If we could get folks to show up in November or December when the budget discussion happens, the voters would have more say. Comments that this is not the year for discretionary spending.

Charlie says he is not here to debate.

Lauren spoke about the hundreds of mailers that went out.

Erin Barry asked about how many ballots have already come in.

Sasha said as of 3/31, 100 or so have come in from Plainfield voters.

Principal Presentation – Mark Mooney – some points touched on:

- COVID protocols have worked well.
- Students have been on campus all year.
- Remote learners have been doing good. Looking at possibly using these remote learner tools for high schoolers in the future.
- Cross curriculum has worked well. This will continue next year since it has worked so well.
- Staggered bus routes have gone well. Being able to greet all the students has been a plus.
- Athletics were able to take place without any issues.
- Black Lives Matter Flag was raised.
- Equity Committee
- Students have become more fluent in technology and able to use it as an educational tool.
- Parent nights and parent meetings have been great over zoom.
- Graduation planning

5/6 will be back in the building every day after vacation but not middle and high school at this time. Middle school will be looked at and possibly planned.

Summer program will be on campus.

Erin asked for a clarifier, Tuesday thru Thursday, or Tuesday thru Friday?

Patrick asked about the Teachers Mental Status?

Mark Mooney responded that they are honestly strained right now.

Patrick asked if there was a way to offer more support?

Janna Osman offered that it was time again to send the staff a gratitude letter from the School Board.

Sasha wanted to let the board and Mark know that she was impressed and stunned at hearing how the year has gone. Wondered if students or board information could be given and shared through her radio show. Board and Mark feel like this is a great idea. She gave the heads up that if you call in, you will be put on the air.

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting by Jamie Spector and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole