

Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting, Twinfield Union School District No.33
Twinfield Union School Library
Tuesday, February 28th, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

AGENDA

The legal voters of the Twinfield Union School District No. 33, a municipal corporation consisting of the member towns of Marshfield and Plainfield, Vermont, were invited to meet in person at Twinfield school to discuss any business involving the Australian ballot. Two members of Marshfield, Julia Rapczynski and Drew McNaughton, were in attendance. No member of the Plainfield community was present. The other attendees were present as a result of holding a position on the Board or for the District. Herein are the minutes of that meeting which was called to order at 6:00pm by Patrick Healy.

Patrick Healy is nominated and elected as Moderator of the meeting.

Erin Barry is nominated and elected as Clerk.

Greg Hooker is nominated and elected as Treasurer.

FY24 Budget Discussion for Article Four

To hear the reports, pg. 38, 45 and page 5&6.

Patrick asked if there were any questions. No questions.

Janna Osman moves to accept the reports.

All are in favor.

Patrick Healy read Article Five

Patrick Healy read Article Six

Patrick Healy read Article Seven

- **Michael Concessi explains what it means. Article Seven is the core part of budget operations.**

Patrick Healy read Article Eight

Milena makes a motion to adjourn the annual meeting. All are in favor.

Informational Meeting of the budget:

Mark Mooney

- Explains the staff positions moving from ESSER funds to school budget funding.
- “Schools are one of the best places to provide and address inequities among members of our community.”
- One math interventionist for elementary. Hire is inspiring children and teachers to do better.
- Two Literacy interventionists in Elementary.
- English literacy Interventionist for middle school.

- Para position for Student Support Station.
- Service Learning Coordinator, paid at a para level.
- (VTVLC free online courses.) Global Citizenship Teacher, which meets needs for graduation. Hoping to bring a few more electives for students to choose from.

Julia Rapczynski asked, What are the numbers in the support area?

Mark answered that the support station is active every moment of the day. And will follow up with actual numbers. EST= Educational Support Team

Drew McNoughton asked if Twinfield students lost more math or literacy skills during the pandemic?

Mark Mooney answered that literacy was the most telling, but both were hit hard because of the lack of daily practice. Mark also commented that the after school activities offered

Patrick Healy shares FYI to the public, How many schools are offering after school programs?

Mark Tucker replied that all CCSU schools do.

Drew McNoughton asked, At a cost?

Mark Mooney answered that all is free. Last two years, it has been widely expanded.

Sara Cain commented that TLC is now free.

Mark Tucker said it is because of the ESSER funds. Number one expenditures are for school and summer programs. And made it clear that priorities have not changed, and as the ESSER funds get used up, CSSU will start a grant process in the fall to fund these in the future.

Drew McNoughton asked if we have integrated data about attendance since the expansion of the afterschool programs. (Data Points)

Mark Tucker is currently speaking with the Curriculum director about what it is we don't know?!

And commented that every federal money comes with a blessing and a curse.

ESSER Funds- Priority One, kids and programs for kids. Priority Two, Professional Development.

Drew McNoughton suggested, what if there was another angle to offer on FPF, stories of kids succeeding. And the impact it would have on the perspective of those worrying about their finances. "If we keep underfunding it, there will be no classes." "The Beauty of Vermont are these tight knit schools and communities."

Commented about where Twinfield grads have gone, and that that narrative is what we should share with the community.

The role of schools is guidance.

Janna Osman shared that she believes that part of the school board job is to share the experiences with the community. (Via FPF).

Julia Rapczynski loves looking at the pictures that are shared. "Kids are our future." Do you want to invest in it or don't you?! Agrees with Drew about sharing to touch people's hearts.

Drew McNoughton, "And how can we answer the emotional beast?"

Mark Tucker: Twinfield School FY24 Budget

Education Spending Increases

- Settlements with Teachers and Support Staff
- Health Insurance increase of 12.7%
- 3.9 Intervention Positions
- Cost share for LNA support
- Capital Investments to become more proactive
- Inflationary Cost Increases

Revenue

- No notable changes

Upcoming Infrastructure Needs Shared

*Mark Tucker is working on some grant opportunities to help offset costs.

*Patrick Healy has been pushing to create a Capital fund for future improvements.

Factors affecting the tax rate

- Plainfields CLA decreased from 85.36% to 76.19%
- Marshfields CLA decreased 103.2% to 100.71%
- Yield Rate: \$1 education tax raises \$15, 479, higher than FY23

Tax Rate at a glance, for the highest demographic

- \$.25 increase for Plainfield
- \$.07 increase for Marshfield
- Homestead Demographics
- Shared the Tax Impact based on homestead value and income.

Suggested by Drew McNoughton **A Link to the school website to share the breakdown of the taxes** "Translation Services"

Patrick Healy asked if there were any further questions or discussions

Sara Cain offered to post the charts and tax breakdown on FPF.

Erin Barry motioned to adjourn the informational meeting at 7:15pm. All in favor.

Article FIVE: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$7,453,138 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$22,555.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 19.3% higher than spending for the current year.

(To be voted on by Australian ballot)

2023-2024 Article Five- Marshfield and Plainfield

Yes	No	Blank		Total	Result
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253	162	3		418	Pass
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Article SIX: Shall the voters of the Twinfield Union School District No. 33 authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2024 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

2023-2024 Article Six- Marshfield and Plainfield

Yes	No	Blank		Total	Result
320	94	4		418	Pass