

Approved Minutes
Twinfield Union School Special Board Meeting
Twinfield Union School Library – Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Call to order by Mark Tucker at 6:07 PM

Reorganization of the Board

In attendance: Patrick Healy, Erin Barry, Janna Osman, Mark Kaufman, Milena Yasus, Sara Cain, Student Rep Marianna Cleary, Superintendent Mark Tucker

Board Chair – Janna Osman nominated Patrick Healy for School Board Chair and seconded by Mark Kaufman. Nomination passed. Mark turned the meeting over to Patrick.

Clerk/Vice Chair – Janna Osman nominated Erin Barry for Vice Chair and seconded by Mark Kaufman. Nomination passed.

Two Representatives for the CCSU Board –
Erin Barry nominated Patrick Healy and was seconded by Janna Osman. Nomination passed.
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Negotiation Council – Patrick Healy nominated by Mark Kaufman and seconded by Janna Osman. Nomination passed.

Career Center Representative – Erin Barry nominated Janna Osman and seconded by Patrick Healy. Nomination passed.

Regular Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of every month at 6 PM

Board Retreat – Will look at the August meeting for the retreat.

Newspaper – Times Argus

Location – Plainfield Town Clerk, Marshfield Town Clerk, School Website, Door at TUS.

Code of Ethics Document – Board members need to sign and send back to the CCSU office.

Communication practices and handling complaints – Look at emails daily. No discussions online as a group allowed. Front Porch Forum is a good resource to get information out. Mark Tucker went over the protocol of handling complaints and questions. Patrick Healy and Mark Tucker discussed how to handle complaints – have the complainant follow the chain of command.

Discuss board development opportunities and attendance – VSBA has great resources. Mark Kaufman will give reports to the board after he attends VSBA meetings. The VSBA has webinars online.

Appointment for Statewide Health Insurance – no need to appoint this year.

Check Warrant Signer – Mark Kaufman will be the primary with Erin Barry as the backup. All agreed.

Public Comment – no public

Student Rep Report – Marianna

Winter Carnival went very well. Junior Class won.

Pi Day – Math teacher (Katy Wheelock) gave out pie dough – students are making pies to share.

UVM math competition – students will be participating.

Bernie Sander’s Annual State of the Union Essay Contest – Two Twinfield students placed.

First Place: August Howe (Twinfield Union School, Junior) Misinformation

Third Place: Keenan Wallace (Twinfield Union School, Junior) Unions & Labor Rights

Consent Agenda

Minutes from February 14, 2023 & February 28, 2023

A **motion** to approve the February 14, 2023 by Janna Osman and seconded by Erin Barry.

Motion passed.

February 28, 2023 – tabled.

Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker

- PCB test results came back. Levels detected in four high school classrooms do not prohibit any spaces from being used, except by Pre-k students. Next step is source testing. Will probably not be done before the end of the school year.

Principal’s Report – no questions

Student Services Report – no questions

Janna noted she is really pleased with the Professional Development planned.

Curriculum Report –

Erin asked what happens when therapeutic placements can’t be found? Go into a holding pattern and do what we can until they can be placed.

Electric Bus Update – Mark needed to identify the bus that will be replaced by the electric bus.

Solution was to not resign one of the bus leases. EPA requires the replaced bus to be sold or scrapped – we can’t do either with a leased bus. Mark asked the EPA what can be done – Mark may be able to submit a letter to make a change to his original bus selection to use one that we own. Decisions on the two bids we did receive are pending the EPA’s decision.

Future Meetings: Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 at 6 p.m. - Regular Meeting

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting by Patrick Healy and seconded by Mark Kaufman. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole