

Unapproved
Twinfield Union School Special Board Meeting
Twinfield Union School Library – Zoom & In Person Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Call to order by Patrick Healy

In attendance: Patrick Healy, Erin Barry, Janna Osman, Milena Yasus, Sara Cain, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principal Mark Mooney

Public Comment – none

Consent Agenda

Minutes from September 13, 2022

A **motion** to approve by Janna Osman and seconded by Sara Cain with additions noted. Motion passed.

Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker was present

- CCSU is looking to change the allocation for SU level expenses that are not a direct bill back to the schools. Currently at 10/45/45. 10% flat, 45% by student count, 45% by staff count. Looking to change to a 50/50 allocation. 50% by student count and 50% by staff count.

Mark discussed how it will impact all the districts. Food Service Director and food service floating sub are at the SU level and are shared expense between all the schools that also need to be addressed.

Principal Report – some points highlighted

- Working on bus behaviors. Repeated bad behavior will lead to bus suspension.
- Professional Development is going well with the staff. Focus on issues of equity.
- Modeling UN – 17 active members. (9-12th Graders)
- Parent Conferences went well.
- Pumpkin walk was a great night.
- Governor Safety Conference – threat assessment teams.

Student Service Report – Board discussion on new formula for the extraordinary cost students.

Student Reps Report – Mark Mooney has students that will be doing reports.

Board Discussion

Act 1 Working Group on Equity Changes to the Education Quality Standards – Debra Stoleroff and Mia Schultz gave a PowerPoint presentation. Act 1 is a 2019 Vermont Law. Act 1 sets standards for schools to be equitable for all students. This law deals with all areas of where there might be inequities. Act 1 provides resources to help schools support all their students. Board of Education is reviewing the EQS updates/changes right now. EQS committee was

founded in 2021. The committee is presenting to the State Board changes that they would like to see made.

FY24 Draft Budget – Michael Concessi was present.

Mike went over the budget difference if the allocation was changed. There is very little impact. On the food service front, it will be brought into line with how the State reimburses.

FY22 Preliminary Audit – Revenues were up. Sold some old buses and food service created the revenue. Expenses were up. Paid down debt and new doors were put in. New windows were put in over the summer. School year should end with a surplus. If that is the case, the school can look at updating more windows or any other projects needed.

Five-year Maintenance Plan – Shawn McNamara created a list of projects for the school. The board would like to see a spreadsheet with items listed in priority with the cost. Also, as projects are completed, they should be listed on the spreadsheet with the date done and when it will need to be looked at again.

Same spreadsheet should be used for equipment.

Follow Up on Electric Bus Grant – Mark Tucker submitted an application to buy an electric bus. It was approved by the EPA. Need to make a decision by early April if the school will move forward on it. Would take the place of one of the leased buses. Discussion on if electric buses work in the Vermont environment since sub zero temps effect the battery.

Nick Seifert – Chair of the energy community for Marshfield – would like to offer any advice or expertise on electric vehicles in Vermont. Please feel free to reach out with any questions. Mark Tucker will reach out to Nick.

Middle School December Auction donations – Middle school is having an auction for the middle school students. Possibly the school board could donate a few items or a gift card. Drop off items at Mark Mooney's office.

Teacher/Staff Holiday Acknowledgements – Potluck event. Mark Mooney will find out more details. Board can help fill in items that are needed.

Central Vermont Career Center – TUS 8th graders have not done a tour yet. Mark Mooney can get that set up.

Jody from the CVCC will come to the December meeting.

Future Meetings: Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 at 6 p.m. - Regular Meeting

A **motion** to adjourn. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole