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TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday January 11, 2011

School Library

Present: Michael Nobles, Patrick Healy, Jill Wilson, Amy Darling, Monica Light, and Pat Boyle

Administration: Nancy Thomas, Christine Barnes, Carol Amos and David Larcombe **Student**

Representatives: Ethan Warshow **Absent:** Ian Young

Call to order: Michael Nobles, Chair 6:02 pm

Public Comment

- a. Erin Russell, parent, shared that she was interested in hearing the PBIS presentation.

Student Board Member Report: Ethan Warshow

- a. Ethan reported that there is some growing resentment on the shortening of the lunch period. He also reported that the Student Council has organized an anonymous teacher evaluation form for high school students to complete. The questionnaire has preset questions with the following options as answers; Agree, Agree Somewhat, Disagree Somewhat, and Disagree. The questionnaire also has a comments section.

PBIS Presentation by PBIS Team

- a. Denise Boucher, Carol Amos, and Deb Gonyaw shared a slideshow on the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. Denise explained Twinfield's Guiding Expectations and how they are rewarding positive behavior. The staff and faculty can give a student a T² for positive behavior, which is then put into a drawing for prizes. Students may also receive a more detailed positive behavior report. The PBIS team has gathered data from a 3rd through 12th grade questionnaire on bullying. They shared a few examples of the information collected. The PBIS Team will present final results at a future board meeting.

Principals' Report: Christine Barnes & Carol Amos

- a. Christine shared with the board that this week is exam week. There is a faculty inservice day this Friday. The Secondary Art show is on display in the Cindy Reed Student Gallery. There will be a 7/8 grade fundraiser being held at Twinfield on March 5th from 7 pm to 9 pm, Rusty Dawees will be here.
- b. Carol shared with the board that Larry Rivers, Twinfield Paraeducator, is back safe and sound from serving in the Military in Afghanistan.

Board Discussion

- a. Nancy handed out the Articles of Agreement, timeline, and the schools that are participating in the Winooski Valley Public School Choice Program.
- b. Nancy suggested Carol Amos continue in her position as Associate Principal for FY12. The board agreed to have Carol continue in her position for FY12 and to bring it back for action at the next meeting.

Board Action

- a. The minutes from December 14, 2010 were approved.
- b. The board approved the Act 150 2011-2012 School Choice, **Voted 6-0.**

- c. The board approved the announced tuition for secondary as \$12,500 and Kindergarten and Elementary as \$10,000. **Voted 6-0.**
- d. Nancy handed out a list of Principal Screening Committee applicants. The board approved on the following committee members: Lauren Cleary, Matt Cota, Laurie Martin, Beth stern, Mary Lou Wells, Mary Anne Allen, Sharyn Baum, Peter Herrick, Debra Stoleroff, Tracey Witherspoon, Carol Amos, Emma Tait and Miguel Gonzales.
- e. David presented the board with the fifth draft of the budget. After making a few adjustments, the board accepted the budget in the amount of \$6,494,647. This is a decrease of \$198,168 or 3.0% from the FY11 approved budget. The impact on taxes for Marshfield based on the Homestead Value would be a decrease of 2.2%, for Plainfield it would be an increase of 1.9%. The impact on taxes based on Income Sensitivity for Marshfield would be an increase of .9%, for Plainfield it would be .9% as well. **Voted 6-0.**

Executive Session

- a. The board went into executive session at 9:02 pm for a personnel issue.
- b. The board came out of executive session at 9:24 with no action

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Kimball
Transcriber