

## TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**Tuesday February 8, 2011**

### **School Library**

**Present:** Patrick Healy, Pat Boyle, Monica Light and Amy Darling **Administration:** Nancy Thomas, Christine Barnes and Carol Amos **Student Representatives:** Ethan Warshow and Ian Young **Absent:** Michael Nobles and Jill Wilson **Guests:** Dr. Brian O'Regan

**Call to order:** Pat Boyle, Vice-Chair 6:05pm.

### **Board Action**

- a. January 25, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

### **Public Comment**

- a. Patrick Healy spoke on behalf of the Twinfield Boosters Club and Twinfield Youth Sports. The two clubs expressed their appreciation to Richard Steele and his crew for cleaning snow off the roof and sidewalks for the tournament that took place last weekend.

### **Student Board Member Report:** Ethan Warshow, Ian Young

- a. Ian shared that the Student Council and the Diversity Committee kicked off Kindness Week on Monday with a school wide assembly. Students can recognize each other for acts of kindness or teachers can recognize students. Students can hang envelopes on their lockers to receive the acts of kindness notes. They will end the week with a second school wide assembly. Carol explained that the Diversity Committee was created after some feedback about Twinfield not celebrating holidays. The Committees' focus is celebrating cultural diversity. The Diversity Committee has representatives from Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- b. Ian shared with the board that the school has implemented a bell system between classes. Music plays on the PA system at the end of one period and then again three minutes later to start the next period. The music was created by a Twinfield graduate. Ian explained the bell system has had a positive impact on students starting and ending their classes on time.

### **Facility Committee Update:** Nancy Thomas

- a. Nancy wanted to thank Richard and his crew for cleaning off the roof this past weekend. Nancy met last week with the facilities committee and the energy group. The purpose of the meeting was to begin development of a plan to continue Twinfield's effort to reduce energy use and enhance energy learning. Nancy distributed the minutes from that meeting. Christine shared with the board that Marshfield may be changing from Central Vermont Solid Waste Management to Northeast Kingdom district, which would mean Twinfield would lose the recycling program that is in place currently.

### **Principals' Report:** Christine Barnes & Carol Amos

- a. Christine shared that the high school reviewed the State of the Union Speech. The students were provided a written chronology of the speech and some guiding questions. The students and faculty really enjoyed this exercise.
- b. The Graduation date has been set- June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

- c. Carol shared that Report Night is this Thursday 6:00 pm–7:00 pm. The elementary faculty will be in their classrooms. The secondary faculty will be set up in the library. She encourages parents to visit both areas. At 7:00 pm there will be a 4<sup>th</sup> grade band concert in the cafeteria.
- d. Carol shared that the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support team (PBIS) has been working with the new Behavior Support Specialist, Brian Hebert. They have worked on the data generated from the Olweus Bullying Prevention student questionnaire. This data will be presented at an upcoming board meeting.

**Superintendent Report**

- a. Nancy shared the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) results will be announced tomorrow. Pat will be looking at the information and analyzing it. This information will be presented at an upcoming board meeting.

**Principal Search:** Dr. Brian O'Regan

- a. Nancy distributed the summary of desired attributes and skills gathered from the student questionnaire, community forum, and faculty/staff forum. The board reviewed and added items to the “attributes and skills” document and accepted it as amended. Brian shared with the board the process in which reference checks are done. The applicants’ references are checked throughout the interviewing process. Brian said in some cases he has followed up on questions from boards after they have interviewed candidates.

**Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Kimball  
Transcriber