

TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

School Library

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

Administration: Nancy Thomas, Pat Johnson Knoerl, Christine Barnes, and Laurence Carnahan

Student Representatives: Ian Young **Absent:** Carol Amos and Ethan Warshow

Call to order: Michael Nobles, Board Chair 6:30 pm

Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of April 12, 2011
- b. Student Exchange

Pat moved to approve the consent agenda, the motion carried unanimously.

Principal Report: Christine Barnes

- a. Christine handed out the diplomas for the board to sign.
- b. Christine shared with the board that the Twinfield Destination Imagination will be traveling to Tennessee for the National Competition. The Destination Imagination team may have a dress rehearsal for the whole school. She shared that the 8th grade Canoe Trip will be on June 8th through June 10th. Christine shared that Twinfield would appear on WPTZ news tonight. The story is on fundraising for the Washington D.C. fieldtrip, which will take place on May 21st through May 25th. There are 45 students and 15 adults going on the trip. They will be visiting a number of museums. The group is \$4,000 away from a \$15,000 goal. Jill made a motion to approve all the trips Christine briefed them on.
- c. Bethany Michaud (Twinfield student) submitted art work to the Congressional Arts Competition at the T.W. Wood Art Gallery; she received Congressional Recognition for her work.
- d. NYC High School of Violin and Dance will be visiting from May 11th through May 15th. The Twinfield YATST (Youth and Adults Transforming Schools Together) group and the NYC School of Violin and Dance YATST group co-presented at the National Conference this past winter.
- e. Liz Perrault requested to provide transportation for the FY11 Project Graduation trip. The board agreed to the request.
- f. Christine handed out the Twinfield FY12 Program of Studies. The Physics course is included and course offerings will be based on enrollment.
- g. The Twinfield varsity boy's basketball team was invited to the State House, by Janet Ancel, to meet with the Governor.
- h. There will be a Mock Crash hosted at Twinfield on June 8th.

Student Board Member Report : Ian Young

- a. Dress code – Ian handed out the new dress code proposal from the student council. The dress code includes the guidelines and the consequences. The administration shared this with the secondary teachers and there was consensus among the teachers and students.
- b. Electronics – Ian shared what the current practice has been, electronics are not allowed in class but they are allowed in the hallways. If personal electronics are used in class they are taken away until the end of class.

- c. Public Display of Affection (PDA) – Ian and Christine shared that there is a growing culture among the secondary students of valuing the elementary school; and therefore a lot of self governance with regard to PDA.
- d. Ian shared that petitions are going out for the new FY12 student board representatives. There will be announcements in TA and at the community meeting. They are hoping to have the new representatives attend the June board meetings.

Special Education Presentation: Laurence Carnahan, Special Services Director

- a. Laurence presented information regarding state and federal funding for special education. He also shared the pilot program of co-teaching for FY12; the co-teaching module has Special Educators working in the classroom with regular education teachers. There have been substantial successes at other schools such as reduction in planning room referrals, decreases in initial evaluation requests, reduction of need for Para-educator's in the classroom, and significant reduction in pull-out time for children.

AYP Update: Pat Johnson Knoerl, Curriculum Director

- a. Pat presented the board with the requirements for schools that did not meet the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Twinfield has been identified and is on a Year One Corrective Action Plan. She shared the timeline in which goals need to be met. She will be working with the administration and faculty to assess the current status and develop the improvement plan. She will be updating the board on a regular basis on their progress.

Board Discussion:

- a. Concerns/Future Agenda Item(s) – the board would like a presentation from the Food Service Department. They would also like an update on the website design. Jill offered to follow up with the family that worked on a proposal for snow machines to be used for student transportation.
- b. Meeting Schedule – the board decided to hold board meetings once a month, the second Tuesday of the month starting at 6:00 pm. There will be sub-committee meetings throughout the month as well.

Executive Session The board went into executive session at 8:45 pm for Contract Negotiations.

Executive Session The board came out of executive session at 9:20 pm, no action.

Board Action

- a. The board approved the 2010-2013 Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement. Voted 6-0.

Adjournment The board meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Kimball
Transcriber