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TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday – October 9, 2012

School Library

Present: Jill Wilson, Patrick Healy, Dan Gadd and Monica Light **Administration:** Mark Mooney, Principal; Bob Gulardo, Assistant Principal; Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; and Pat Jonson Knoerl, Curriculum Coordinator **Absent:** Michael Nobles, Anne Nadel Walbridge, Cristin Martin and Erin Hall

Call to order: Patrick Healy, vice chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve, September 11, 2012 minutes

Jill made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Monica seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- a. Superintendent Report – Nancy announced the hiring of Ashley Young, the new Data Entry Clerk for the central office. Several teachers, students and administration from both Cabot and Twinfield attended the recent state wide conference on High School Transformation which included a workshop on YATST with Mary Whalen and one of Twinfield's students. The conference was held at UVM and sponsored by the Rowland Foundation. The combined Cabot and Twinfield school board presentations previously scheduled for the WNESU meetings were not able to happen due to anticipated low attendance. The agenda items and reports scheduled for that meeting will now be on the Twinfield and Cabot Agendas. Nancy participated in the Mount Mansfield hike with the 7th grade, although they didn't make it to the top due to the weather, the kids had a great time.
- b. Principal Report – Mark reported that NECAP testing starts tomorrow. There was a group of teachers assembled to schedule the testing and the student accommodations needed. New this year is a literacy assessment for 9th and 10th grade. A new program called ECO (Educating Children Outdoors) kicked off last week. This program is being piloted in kindergarten and is supported by the North Branch Science Center.
- c. Student- The student representatives were absent but did prepare a written report. Bob shared it with the board. Student council continues to meet about the common room. PSAT testing is coming up. The French Class is holding a fundraising dinner on November 9th. This Friday is the middle school dance.
- d. NECAP planning and spring Science NECAP report- Pat reviewed the Science NECAP results. The eighth and eleventh grades show an upward trend.

Presentation: Vermont's Quality Framework and the Common Core –

- a. Nancy shared a powerpoint presentation developed by the Vermont Superintendent's Association and approved by the State Board of Education on Vermont's Quality Framework.
- b. Pat reviewed the Common Core, how it came about and what the new standards look like. She is working with staff to begin the process of implementing these new national standards that have been adopted by Vermont and 45 other states. The new testing on these standards, from Smarter Balanced will begin in the spring of 2015.

Executive Session: The board went into executive session at 8:08 pm for a personnel matter.

Executive Session: The board came out of executive session at 8:10 pm.

Board Action:

- a. Sick bank request: Monica made a motion to approve the sick bank request, Jill seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Discussion

- a. Setting Board Agendas – Nancy reviewed how the agendas are created. Any board member can talk or write to Michael as Board Chair or Nancy as superintendent to ask that an issue or item be included in an upcoming agenda. The board also discussed having a Board Calendar with goals and deadlines listed.
- b. Policies for First Reading:
 - i. E8 Tobacco Prohibition
 - ii. F1 Student Conduct and Discipline
 - iii. F5 Education Records
 - iv. F7 Student Alcohol and Drugs
 - v. F9 Transportation
 - vi. F19 Limited English Proficiency StudentsThe board reviewed the policies for the first reading.

Board Action

- a. Act on lunch/ recess supervision staffing request- After much discussion, Monica made a motion to approve the lunch and recess staffing request for FY13 only, Dan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Kimball
Transcriber