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TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

School Library

Present: Board members: Monica Light, Michael Nobles, Dan Gadd, Patrick Healy, Anne Nadel Walbridge, and Jill Wilson **Absent:** Christin Martin and Erin Hall, student representatives, **Administration:** Mark Mooney, Principal; Bob Gulardo, Assistant Principal; Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Rob Billings, Business Manager; and Pat Johnson, Curriculum Director, **Guests:** Dick Lashoones, Bob Popp, Maria Forman, Peter Herrick, John Harrison, Merrick Grutchfield, and George Africa

Call to order: Michael Nobles, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

FY14 Budget Discussion

- a. Rob handed out version 2.3 of the FY14 proposed budget. He reviewed with the board the different functions and objects within the budget. Rob also explained that in the proposed budget all grant revenues and expenses are included, making the budget year to budget year comparison inflated. This proposal is an increase from budget to budget of 5.43%. The actual increase in total expenditures, based on voted article 5, is 1.76%.

Board Action:

- a. Approve FY14 Budget – After much discussion, Anne made a motion to approve the \$6,687,585.00 proposed budget, Patrick seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4-1

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve November 13, 2012 minutes- Monica made a motion to approve the November 13, 2012 minutes, Dan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Approve December 11, 2012 minutes- Patrick made a motion to approve the December 11, 2012 minutes, Monica seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Patrick made a motion to post unapproved minutes on the website, Jill seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- a. Superintendent Report – Nancy updated the board on the new teacher evaluation process, Professional Effective Plan (PEP) which was created collaboratively with a team of administrators and teachers. The PEP was approved by the Washington Northeast Board last week and it is being presented to the faculty this week. The Plainfield select board is reviewing the renovation plans for the Plainfield municipal building which houses the central office. The first meeting for professional staff negotiations is scheduled for this week. Nancy shared that Sylvia Charron was hired as the new executive assistant/ HR coordinator for Washington Northeast.
- b. Principal Report – Mark reported that in light of the tragic events in Connecticut, the school crisis response team has been reviewing and revising their procedures and safety drills. The student transportation by snowmobile procedure that was designed and approved last year has been working out well this year.

Board Discussion

- a. Second Reading of Policies:
 - i. F21 Weapons
 - ii. F23 Participation of Home Study Students
 - iii. F24 Hazing
 - iv. F25 Student Attendance
 - v. F30 Prevention of Bullying of Students

After much discussion, the board and administration agreed to table the second reading of the above policies. The board requested that they above policies be emailed to the board members a second time.

Executive Session The board went into executive session at 8:45 pm for a personnel issue.

Executive Session The board came out of executive session at 9:02.

Board Action

- a. Act on Sick bank- The board approved the sick bank request with four affirmative votes and one abstention.
- b. Set Act 150 School Choice capacity limits- The board set the limit of students leaving the school up to six students per year, not to exceed ten in total and a limit of ten students per year to be received at Twinfield. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn The board meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Kimball
Transcriber