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Twinfield Union School Special Board Meeting
Twinfield Union School Library – Zoom & In Person Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Call to order by Patrick Healy

In attendance: Patrick Healy, Erin Barry, Janna Osman, Mark Kaufman, Milena Yasus, Superintendent Mark Tucker, potential new board member Sarah Cain

Public Comment – none

Consent Agenda

Minutes from June 14, 2022

A **motion** to approve by Janna Osman and second by Mark Kaufman. Motion passed.

Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker was present – some points highlighted

- Starting to get ready for the start of school. Leadership team attended the VPA Conference at Killington. David Schilling (Danville) was recognized at the conference as a Principal of the Year.
- Secretary French has a meeting next week with the Superintendents. Secretary French believes political issues could be an issue this year – being an election year.
- Inservice is August 19th. Staff will be in individual schools.
- Discussed where staffing is at.
- New Admin Asst has been hired.

Principal Report – Principal Mark Mooney was not present

Student Service Report – no report

Student Reps – none assigned at this point. Janna asked if 2 student reps could serve on the Central Vermont Tech Center board also (first Monday of the month) at Spaulding School.

Board Discussion

D22 Selection of Library Materials (Recommended Policy Update) To ensure that the District provides access to a diverse library collection, that supports students in the curriculum, their personal research, and recreational reading and recreational reading, and that sustains students' First Amendment Right to access information and to read freely. (Discussion/Possible recommendation to adopt) – update of an existing policy – acknowledges media other than books with a few other updates. Board discussion on the policy. The policies are in the handbook and online. It was asked where the board falls into this policy regarding the approval and selection of library materials. It falls at the school level with the administrators. Discussion on what happens if someone wants to ban a certain book – that has never been an issue. Possible further discussion with media specialist/librarian.

A **motion** to adopt the police by Mark Kaufman and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion approved.

Facility Director/Transportation Coordinator (Discussion) – with Brandon Lawrence’s resignation the position was re-looked at. Brandon did both facility & transportation for Cabot & TUS along with maintenance work. Shawn McNamara from Danville has been hired as the Facilities Director for Danville, Cabot & TUS. Denise Briggs from Danville has been hired as the Transportation Coordinator for Danville, Cabot & TUS. Denise will also serve as a back up bus driver and drive where needed. These positions are charged back to schools at 40% for Danville, 40% for TUS and 20% for Cabot for both positions. TUS is still short a custodian and needs to be filled. Impact for FY23 is an additional \$18k. Board would like to meet the new staff.

Board Retreat (Discussion) – October 11th. Patrick Healy would like to have a theme to the retreat. Board members had a few ideas such as supporting staff and asking them to come up with suggestions on items that can support them mentally, emotionally, and physically. Mark Tucker noted that the board could have a speaker come in and talk. Mentioned Joelle van Lent speaking about trauma and resilience after the pandemic. Survey the teachers.

Potential new board member was present – Mark Tucker gave instructions on how to get appointed.

Mark Kaufman wanted to pass on a compliment to Tina, Nicky and Katie at the central office for their help with the CCSU vouchers.

Future Meetings: Tuesday, September 13th, 2022, at 6 p.m. - Regular Meeting

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting by Erin Barry and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole