

Approved
Twinfield Union School Special Board Meeting
Twinfield Union School Library – Zoom & In Person Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Call to order by Patrick Healy at 6:02 pm

In attendance: Patrick Healy, Erin Barry, Mark Kaufman, Milena Yasus, Sara Cain, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principal Mark Mooney Absent: Janna Osman

Two members of the public: Greg Hooker & Mark Mihaly

Public Comment – none

Consent Agenda

Minutes from August 9, 2022

A **motion** to approve by Erin Barry and second by Mark Kaufman. Motion passed.

Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker was present – some points highlighted

- School year has started off good
- Still a few cases of Covid across the SU
- Mark has been around to the schools – staff seems to be happy to back along with students
- PCB testing is not moving quickly. Airborne PCB levels vary by grade bands. Cabot school gym has been closed due to levels above threshold.
- Twinfield has had the monitors put in and taken out – have not heard yet on the testing results.
- School Nurse Coordinator position is up and running. Molly wrote a grant and received 79k for the program.
- Engineer came out to do a site visit in the spring related to the 3-acre storm water runoff violation. Recommended a storm water leach field be put in on one section of the property to remediate runoff. Once the Board approves the site plan, we have 5 years to complete the project. Hoping to get federal funding for this work.
- Joelle van Lent will present during the board retreat. Retreat will be held at the SU office to ensure good internet service. Mark Tucker asked if other board members could come and listen to Joelle’s presentation. TUS board supported that. October 11 at 5 PM Retreat. Board will survey the staff on what the board can do to support them.

Principal Report – some points highlighted

- Solar array is up and getting connected. It was noted that the corners of the solar array are sharp – wondering if they could have some buffer.
- Melanie Maiola – she has been teaching for 47 years– put name forward as UVM teacher of the year.
- Great start to the year. Split bus group has made a big difference. This practice started during Covid.

- Open house – celebration and performance.
- Still looking for a few positions. It looks like there is a viable candidate to work TLC.
- Team building for class groups.
- Arabic foreign language teacher from Morocco. He gifted Mark Mooney traditional wear. Mark will wear it at open house.

Mark Kaufman had some conversations with admins at a few State Universities and Vermont HS students are running around 18-20% that require a full year of remedial work when entering college.

Mark Mooney noted this was a very good point and TUS is working to have interventionists for all grade levels.

Student Service Report – no discussion

Student Reps – Mark Mooney will work on recruiting students.

Board Discussion

Twinfield Together Mentoring - Additional \$10,000 grant from Board. School usually gives \$10,000 to this program. Program asked for an additional \$10,000. Mark Tucker recommends that the board increase and then next year it will be written in for \$20,000 moving forward. It is a wonderful/strong program.

A **motion** to increase grant to \$20,000 a year for the Twinfield Together Mentoring Program – would add an additional \$10,000 for this year by Erin Barry and seconded by Sara Cain. Motion passed.

Accounts Payable Protocol – Patrick Healy shared with the board members the protocol for accounts payable and how the checks are released.

Discussion on plans to do capital improvements and looking at equipment that needs to be replaced. Needs to be fiscal planning.

Future Meetings: Tuesday, October 11th, 2022, at 5 PM Board Retreat

A **motion** to adjourn. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole