

Approved
Twinfield Union School Special Board Meeting
Twinfield Union School Library – Zoom & In Person Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Call to order by Patrick Healy

In attendance: Patrick Healy, Erin Barry, Janna Osman, Milena Yasus, Sara Cain, Mark Kaufman, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principal Mark Mooney, Asst Principal Rachel Hartman, Student Rep Marianna Cleary, Director of Finance Michael Concessi

Public Comment – none

Consent Agenda

Minutes from December 13, 2022

A **motion** to approve by Janna Osman and seconded by Sara Cain. Motion passed.

Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker was present

- School facility analysis is underway. Not sure when TUS will be scheduled.
- Renew America’s Schools Grant – still waiting on clarification regarding an item. Grant would cover all the schools. It is designed to help make the schools more energy efficient.
- Pcb testing – monitoring at the end of this week.
- Teacher agreement has been settled. Waiting for the settlement to ratify.
- Electric bus – need bids. The grant is a reimbursement grant if the school does get the electric bus.

Principal Report – some points highlighted

- The Arabic language teacher has been a great asset to the school. The school will sign up again for this program.
- Winter term is coming up. It is between first and second semester – many opportunities for the students – it is very academically driven.
- Activities standards statement is read before every game. If any harassment is heard/recognized, the game stops and the issue is dealt with.
- Mark shared what students are working on and community commitments.

Student Service Report – no discussion

Student Rep Report – Marianna –

- Model UN Club is fundraising for Boston
- Basketball games have had a lot of support
- Morning announcements have started again – organized thru student voice
- Wednesday schedules are changing up a little bit. HS Wednesday – students have a little bit more freedom – will be changing into a more structured day.

Board Discussion

FY24 Budget – Director of Finance Michael Concessi was present

All 3 figures needed from the State are in to complete the budget. Budget is at an increase of \$775k. The biggest impacts to the budget are additional FTEs, CBA increase (salary and FICA), health care premiums, health services assessments. Mike showed how the CLA, Yield Rate and Equalized Pupil numbers change/affect the budget. Mike showed what the tax rate is for both towns. Mike showed the expense and revenue sides of the budget.

Mike shared the urgent items that the Facility Director worked on for the school. Failing septic system, install interior lockdown system, new lunch tables. Discussion regarding Capital Reserves and amount in the reserves to date. Looking to add \$100,000 to Capital Investment.

Board discussed the importance of having laid out plans to make sure the school is kept up and that the maintenance items that need to be done, are done.

Mike and the board talked about the income sensitive rate for taxes and what it looks like for both towns. Discussion on creating a table that allows taxpayers to see where they land for taxes based on income.

A **motion** to approve the FY24 Expenditure Budget of \$7,470,638 by Mark Kaufman and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Warning for Annual Meeting – Mark Tucker pulled up a past warning and the board, Mark and Mike updated the information on the warning. Looking to go back to practices that were done before Covid.

A **motion** to approve the Warning as presented by Erin Barry and seconded by Mark Kaufman. Motion passed.

A **motion** to adjourn by Janna Osman and seconded by Patrick Healy. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole