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Washington Northeast Supervisory Union Board Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2015
Twinfield Union School Conference Room

PRESENT: Chris Tormey, Patrick Healy, Jack Hoffman, Sharon O'Connor **Administrators:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Christina Kimball, Business Manager **Absent:** Ry Hoffman, Jill Wilson

Call to Order: Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve September 17, 2015 Minutes – Tabled until the next meeting.

Reports

- a. Superintendent Report - Nancy Thomas

- Act 166 (Universal Pre-School for 3 year-olds) - Nancy will recommend expanding the pre-k program and offer preschool to all 3 year-olds. There will be an application process for expansion. If the pre-k program is not expanding the district will need to pay \$3,000.00 per child in tuition for children to attend pre-approved private pre-schools or other public pre-schools.
- Nancy is continuing to work on possible options for Cabot and Twinfield concerning Act 46.

- b. Financial Report - Christina Kimball

- The expenditures are well within the budget.
- It is still very early in the fiscal year and many numbers are subject to change as the year progresses.

Board Discussion

- a. VEHI Insurance Changes

- Due to the affordable care act and the implementation of the excise tax, VEHI will continue to offer insurance, however there will changes in the types and number of insurance packages offered to school employees.
- Employees will be sharing a higher percent of the cost. Part of the change will include health savings accounts offered.

- b. Teacher Retirement/ Career Change

- Nancy recommended one early retirement/ career change slot be offered to special educators. This could be a savings for the district in the long run.
- To qualify individuals must be at least 50 years of age and have at least 15 years of service.

- c. Act 46

- Nancy will send an e-mail to all board members with information about options to explore to meet the requirements of Act 46.
- The Danville School Board Chair has contacted Nancy and expressed interest in meeting with the Cabot board.

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- The WNESU Board feels that it is still early in the process of exploring options for Act 46 and at this time it is not necessary to form a study committee.

Board Action

a. Act on Teacher Retirement/ Career Change:

- Sharon moved to approve one slot for early retirement career change for special educators. Chris seconded the motion. Three board members voted to approve one slot. Patrick voted against the motion.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber