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**Washington Northeast Supervisory Union Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 19, 2015  
Twinfield Union School Conference Room**

**PRESENT:** Sharon O'Connor, Ry Hoffman, Patrick Healy, Dan Gadd **Administrators:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Christina Kimball, Business Manager.

**Call to Order:** Sharon O'Connor, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**Public Comment** : None

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve January 14, 2015 Minutes: Patrick Healy made motion to accept the January 14<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Ry Hoffman seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

**Reports**

- a. Superintendent Report - Nancy Thomas
- Cabot and Twinfield are recipients of the League of Innovative Schools (LIS) Grant from the Great Schools Partnership. We have not yet received formal announcement about the grant but have had first meeting with our coach.
  - Schools are also eligible for a Community Involvement grant from LIS and Nancy is working with the Great Schools Partnership to apply.
  - Received information from Building Bright Futures about a Community Promises Grant for Preschool. Support for increased positive outcomes for children especially those in poverty. Will look to collaborate with community partners.
- b. FY 15 Financial report-
- First full year of implementing Special Education funding within the Supervisory Union.
  - Operating within 5% of the budget.
    - Special Education is showing to the good \$94,000.00 right now.
    - SLP services are slightly over because of benefit negotiations.
    - Superintendent's office is right on track.

**Board Discussion**

- a. Review- FY14 Draft Audit
- Auditors would like the Supervisory Union to calculate benefits of terminated employees and book it before the audit.
  - The Supervisory Union also needs to track what is put into teachers' retirement.

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### b. 2015-2016 Calendar

- Considering doing a “June Term” type activity in January of next year.
- Twinfield Association is asking for other options for future years. Looking to start school a week early and then having a two week vacation in December. This does not match up with the regional calendar as required by law.
- Veterans Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day are both listed as holidays.
- Will keep Federal Columbus Day on the calendar. Leadership team felt that it was good to have a three day week to break up the calendar.

### c. Legislative Initiatives

- The legislature is looking at how can schools be more efficient.
- In addition to requiring special education be provided through the supervisory union, transportation is a requirement. We have a waiver for this year but will need to look at future options.
- The legislature is asking: How can we be more efficient with in the Supervisory Union. Looking into Supervisory Unions combining to make Supervisory Districts.
- Board might want to look into a RED study to see what the benefits of becoming a supervisory district would be.

### d. Corporate Credit Card Limit Increase

- Limit is currently \$2,500.00. It is currently used to hold hotel rooms for trainings, used when companies do not accept purchase orders.
- Looking to increase the limit from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00.

## **Board Action**

### a. Act on Corporate Credit Card Limit Increase

- Patrick made a motion to increase the Corporate Credit Card from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00. Sharon seconded the motion. Increase to Corporate Credit Card approved.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber