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Washington Northeast Supervisory Union Board Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2014
Twinfield Union School Conference Room

PRESENT: Patrick Healy, Chris Tormey, Ry Hoffman, Jill Wilson, Sharon O'Connor, Jack Hoffman
Administrators:

Call to Order: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Reorganization of the Board:

- a. Elect Chair
 - Patrick Healy motioned to elect Chris Tormey as Chair. Ry Hoffman seconded. Chris Tormey elected Chair.
- b. Elect Clerk/Vice Chair
 - Patrick Healy nominated Sharon O'Connor as Clerk/Vice Chair. Chris Tormey seconded. Sharon O'Connor elected Clerk/Vice Chair.
- c. Select regular meeting date and time
 - WNESU board meetings will continue to be held the third Thursday of each month.
- d. Select Official newspapers and posting locations
 - The World, The Hardwick Gazette and The Times Argus will continue to be the official newspapers. The notices will continue to be posted in local stores, the schools and local post offices. Jill asked that the notices also go to the front porch forums.

Public Comment : None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve February 19, 2015 Minutes: Sharon moved to approve the minutes as written. Ry Hoffman seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Reports

- a. Superintendent Report - Nancy Thomas
 - Amy Sykas has been filling in for Laurence Carnahan.
 - Will post the special education administrator position on School Spring.
 - Getting ready to start work on the Community Involvement Grant. The kick-off event is April 27th led by Everyday Democracy. The total received from the grant is \$10,000.00. If it isn't all spent within one school year the money can be carried over. The grant is renewable for 2 more years.

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b. FY 15 Financial Report- Nancy Thomas

- The projection is a net of \$14,000.00 to the good. In addition there will be a reduction of the assessments back to the school.
- Moved a para-educator position from the Supervisory Union budget to the Cabot budget.
- Savings on salaries in the business office. Lower than budgeted salary cost for the Business Manager this year.

c. CFP (Consolidated Federal Program Grant) Plan

- WNESU will receive \$100,000.00 more than last year for Title I and Title II.
- Hoping to add more time to interventionists and summer services.
- IDEA and CFP can be used together this year. This is something new. Nancy will find out more next week and how it will work.

Board Discussion

a. Legislative Governance Proposal

- Discussed status of H 361 and Senate work on the bill. Also looking at a few restructuring options in Cabot. Continue to have grades pre-k – 12 in Cabot or only house elementary and middle school students. Could Cabot be a magnet school?
- Will be looking into doing more collaborative work between Twinfield and Cabot.

b. Calendar Adjustment

- May 21st was originally an in-service date it will now be a regular school day. That in-service day will now be moved to the day after the last day of school. For Twinfield in-service days will be June 12th and 15th. For Cabot in-service days will be June 16th and 17th.
- For School Calendar 2015-2016 Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Veterans Day will be Holidays.

Board Action

- a. Chris moved to authorize the Superintendent to accept grants, to administer and to act as a representative of all member school districts. Patrick seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- b. Chris motioned to authorize the Superintendent to sign employment contracts on behalf of the Board. Patrick seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber