

Unapproved Minutes  
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union  
**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – 6 pm

Call to Order by Patrick Healy

Present: Erin Barry, Patrick Healy, Mark Kaufman, Janna Osman, Sara Cain, Principal Stephanie Ainslie, Kendra Padilla, Asst Superintendent Mike Moriarty and Superintendent Matt Foster, Curriculum Director Des Hertz, Director of Finance Michael Concessi, Facility Director Brandon Lawrence

Public Comment: Kirstie Grant – Training on preventing childhood sexual abuse. Services/training will be free.

A **motion** to approve the October 8, 2024 minutes by Janna Osman and seconded by Mark Kaufman. Motion approved.

**Superintendent Report** – Matt Foster & Mike Moriarty were present to highlight a few items

- Cell phone use survey sent out. 78% would support no cell phone use in school.
- Climate survey to parents – results shared with Principals.
- Attended Listen and Learn tours with Zoie Saunders.
- Teacher negotiations are starting.

Mike Moriarty - Strategic Design Team will be meeting next week. Will have about 40-45 people making up the team.

**Principal's Report** – Stephanie highlighted a few items from their reports

- October was a very busy month.
- Student exchange students are in Denmark.
- Working with All Learners Network for math coaching.
- Working with Bookworm – reading and language skills.
- Staff has done a wonderful job on the student/community activities.
- Down a bus driver. Trying to figure out scheduling for students.

Question on how families are dealing with the bus staffing shortage. Making sure to actively communicate.

**Student Service Report** – no discussion

**CIP Data Presentation & Act 139 Summary** from Des Hertz

Continuous Improvement Plan – required by the AOE. Goals are set by data collected. First goal is around academic achievement. Des shared STAR data for students in Twinfield for math and reading. Board discussion with Des on the data. The second goal is a safe and healthy school goal. This goal looks at major behavior situations and attendance.

### **Twinfield's Sexual Education Curriculum - Deb Gonyaw**

Deb shared the curriculum and the subjects discussed at each grade level.

Kirstie shared components that can enhance the curriculum.

Question on if some of the items taught in HS, could they be brought to MS students as well? Yes.

Lessons can be shared with parents that would like to continue the conversations at home.

### **Capital Improvement Plan – Brandon Lawrence was present**

Brandon shared a list of capital improvement projects by importance of need and the cost of each project. Board will need to decide what they want to build into the budget to cover the ASAP items.

### **FY26 Budget & SU Budget Update (Discussion) Michael Concessi was present**

Food service, Special Ed, Transportation are housed at the SU level. Funds come in from the State for some of these expenses. It is then assessed to the districts for site specific expenses. The SU budget for FY26 is just shy of 13.9 million. Special ed costs get funds received by ACT 173 – block grant and extraordinary cost reimbursement. Special ed costs that are not covered, are assessed to the districts and are site specific. Twinfield's special ed assessment is up for FY26. Michael shared the breakdown of the SU budget cost drivers. Michael also shared the direct cost drivers in the Twinfield budget. Special ed, salaries and benefits are up. The FY26 Twinfield budget is up by \$255k from FY25. Stephanie spoke on the FTE reduction. Some of the positions that are empty will not be backfilled, there will be a reconfiguration in the custodial staff and one position will be grant funded. State figures have not been released yet so the tax impacts cannot be shown at this point. Michael went over the surplus, income from interest earned, and funds in capital reserves that can be used for capital improvement projects.

**Field Reviews by UVM – CAP** – Putting in a new bridge for the Onion River Campground. Talking about making a temporary road by the river.

### **Honorable Mention – A conversation with Mary Cecchinelli.**

Janna interviewed Mary and prepared a presentation for the board.

### **Executive Session -**

A **motion** to go into executive session by Erin Barry and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Out of executive session with no action taken.

Future Agenda Items:

Invite the PE staff to talk about their curriculum

Jody Emerson – Career Center Update

A **motion** to adjourn by Erin Barry and seconded by Janna Osman. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole

Future Meetings: Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 at 6 p.m. - Regular Meeting