

Unapproved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – 6 pm

Call to Order by Patrick Healy

Present: Patrick Healy, Mark Kaufman, Erin Barry, Janna Osman, Sara Cain, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principals Rachel Hartman & Stephanie Ainslie

Principal Presentation: Rachel and Stephanie shared a presentation on Twinfield School and what the students are working on and the opportunities available for students.

Public Comment:

George Africa – Communication and getting information out to the public.

Discussion on how the school measures their students and how does the school feel it is going.

Martha – Question on students that go on to further their education. Several students are currently enrolled in college courses and gaining college credits.

Bobby – How many students attend the Career Center? 11

Shaun – How many High School students enrolled? Around 97

FY25 Budget Presentation – Mark Tucker

Mark spoke on the budget drivers for this year.

- Salary Increases (CBA settlement numbers)
- SU Assessment
- Health Benefit Increase
- Afterschool Programs (now locally funded)
- All other benefits

Question on the pay scale for paras? Support staff negotiations are currently underway.

George - Question on the salaries for the Superintendent and Asst Superintendents? Mark explained how they came up with the figures. The SU board had to set salary ranges for both positions, but both positions were filled at the low end of the salary range. Twinfield's share of those costs will therefore be reduced..

Afterschool program – if we get grants, do the funds go back into the budget or does it increase the program? Grants would most likely be used to offset the already budgeted expense.

Michelle – Question on where to find the status of the Reserve Funds? In the annual report. Where is it invested? It sits in an investment account with PSB. Money is moved in and out to capture the most interest. We don't know how the bank invests it.

Discussion on the educational funding system.

Where is the money spent:

64% is Comp and Benefits

16% is spent on operations

20% is SU Assessment – several school expenses must be paid out of the SU. Some of these categories are Special Ed costs, transportation, food service, plant and operations, technology. SU assessment also includes the Superintendent office and the business office/accounting.

Mark went over the upcoming infrastructure needs.

Mark explained the factors that affect the tax rate – long term weighted average, CLA and the yield rate.

Mark showed the tax rate increase.

Discussion on better explaining the tax rate increase and the factors.

Discussion on the number of school days and the length of the days. Some families feel that kids should be at school for a longer period in the day to help with childcare. Another speaker asked about year-round school.

Comment that TUS does an amazing job of giving their students lots of opportunities.

David Hill – Concerns over student safety regarding bullying. It has gotten worse since the passing of his son. What is the school doing to keep students safe?

Rachel – For the income sensitive numbers – how is the number that falls into that category calculated? It is calculated when people file their state taxes. Bobby Brimblecombe explained the process.

A **motion** to adjourn by Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole