

UNAPPROVED

CABOT SCHOOL BOARD

Monday, January 11, 2016, 6 p.m.-7 p.m., Cabot School Library

FY17 SCHOOL BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC FORUM

PRESENT: Chris Tormey, Lisa Olson, Sharon O'Connor, Ry Hoffman; Administrators: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; David Schilling, Principal; Christina Kimball, Business Manager

Welcome

Chris Tormey welcomed the 7 members of the community in attendance, stating that the Cabot School Board is here tonight to present a draft proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017, to give the community background around the choices for this draft and to receive feedback from the community.

a. Topics of Discussion

- Comment: If Cabot were to form an agreement by July 1st would the caps/Spending threshold go away.
- Answer: Yes, because historic data does not exist for that group. Unfortunately it is not possible for Cabot to merge by July 1st. Programs that are currently pursuing the accelerated merger option already have study committee work underway.
- Comment: In order to make a \$95,000.00 cut to the budget is it necessary to cut faculty/stuff?
- Answer: To make a cut of that size to the budget a staff/faculty would need to be cut.
- Comment: Have options been explored to bring in more revenue to the school through after hour commercial means?
- Answer: The school has always been looked at as a community building and so members of the community are not charged to use it.
- Comment: I have heard that all students will have IEPs, is this true.
- Answer: Each student will have a personalized learning plan but not an IEP. Personalized learning plans allow students to have a say and be more involved in their education.

Chris Tormey thanked all for their comments. Public Forum ended at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber