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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 18, 2016**

PRESENT: Chris Tormey, Sharon O'Connor, Jackie Folsom **Administrators:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Christina Kimball, Business Manager **Student Representatives:** Alisha Celley **Absent:** Ry Hoffman, Lisa Olson, Isabella McCallum, Megan Walker

Call to Order: Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve December 21, 2015 Minutes
- b. Approve January 4, 2016 Minutes
 - Jackie moved to approve the December 21st minutes and the January 4th minutes. Sharon seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Reports

- a. Student Report - Alisha Celley
 - Basketball is well underway. Both varsity teams participated in a tournament at Craftsbury. The boys came in second and the girls came in third. Currently the girls are 9-2.
 - The close of the first semester was Friday, January 15th and the second semester will begin January 19th.
- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
 - Much of the time a central office has been dedicated to working on the budgets and annual reports.
- c. Principal Report – David Schilling
 - Work is continuing with Great Schools Partnership. Members of the Limes will attend a League of Innovative Schools meeting in Norwood, MA and share a presentation about student voice in personalized learning.
 - The League of Innovative Schools Conference is coming up in March.
 - The water on Danville Hill will be shut off for a time on Wednesday to repair a leak. This will impact the satellite buildings, gym and cafeteria.
 - The heating pipe leak was fixed. The valves that were installed with the heating pipes are hard to seal and so water has enter the pipes at the valves. This could have caused some significant damage to the pipes for the woodchip heating system.

Board Discussion

- a. FY17 Budget
 - Christina shared the Cabot FY17 draft budget.
 - Finalizing numbers for the budget has been difficult. There are still many unknowns and/or numbers that continue to change.

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- There have been further changes to the calculation of the “threshold” limits. At the board meeting on January 4th the budget exceeded the Act 46 cost containment threshold by \$99,000. The budget now exceeds the Act 46 Cost Containment Threshold by \$167,000. The legislature is considering repeal and other proposals.
- The board feels that the draft budget is responsible. This will be the budget shared with voters. There will be a disclaimer on the published version of the budget stating that at the time of print the tax rate impact numbers are the most accurate. However, they are subject to be changed by the legislature.

Board Action

a. Adopt Budget

- Jackie moved to adopt the budget of \$3,708,958. Chris seconded the motion. Budget adopted.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber