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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, January 4, 2016**

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

**Call to Order:** Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve December 21, 2015 Minutes – tabled until the next meeting. There was not a quorum of board members who had attended the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Reports**

- a. Student Report -
  - The Limes had a concert at Crossett Brook on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The concert went extremely well.
  - There were several basketball games over the break. The girls are currently 6-0.
- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
  - We are watching the work on Act 46 “Caps” carefully. Currently there is pressure from the Governor and legislatures to repeal or increase the Cost Containment Threshold for Act 46.
- d. Principal Report – David Schilling
  - During the break one of the drinking fountains was replaced with a bottle filling fountain.

**Board Discussion**

- a. Cabot Community Association – Lori Augustyniak
  - Lori is the new coordinator for the Cabot Community Association.
  - Lori is hoping to help develop a strong relationship between CCA and Cabot School.
  - The CCA is eager to help re-develop the school/ community service programs and make the experiences more meaningful to students.
- b. FY 17 School Choice
  - The school choice limit was previously set at 7 outgoing students and 7 incoming students.
  - Cabot can only have 10% of the student population as outgoing. Because of a decline in students the choice limit for out going students can now be no more than 6.
  - Chris suggested having 6 students outgoing and 7 students incoming for FY17 School Choice Limits.
- c. FY17 Audit Review- Christina Kimball
  - Christina shared the audit report with the board. The report was very positive with only one minor finding.

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- d. FY17 Draft #4- Christina Kimball
  - Christina shared the Cabot FY17 Budget Draft #4 Highlights.
  - Overall Changes – There is a budget to budget increase of .14%. There will be a decrease in CLA from 101.73% to 101.61%. This means homes are selling closer to the Fair Market Value.
  - Revenue – Transportation Aid was updated. Special Education revenues were updated to reflect changes in expenditures. Vocational Transportation Aid was added.
  - Regular Education – Vermont Teachers Retirement assessment for new teachers (less than 5 years) was added.
- e. Announced Tuition
  - Christina recommended keeping the FY17 tuition rate at \$17,000.00 for both elementary school and high school.
- f. Plan Budget Forum, January 11, 2016
  - The board reviewed the FY16 Budget Presentation and will use this as the framework for the FY17 Budget Presentation.
  - There will also be a slide including information for the Act 46 Cost Containment Threshold
  - Another slide that will include the tax rate increase that was voted on at town meeting last year and the proposed tax rate increase for this year.
  - Because Cabot has agreed to do a 706 merger study the hold harmless provision will apply to slow the decline of Equalized Pupils. There will be a slide with this information, as well as the ADM (average daily membership) changes with the addition of pre-k for 3 year-olds.
  - Chris will review the FY16 slides and adjust them and then forward the rough draft to Nancy for finalization.
  - The Warning for the FY17 budget forum will be posted on the Cabot School website and Front Porch Forum as well as at regular posting spots.

### **Board Action**

- a. Set School Choice Limit
  - Chris moved to approve school choice of 6 outgoing students and 7 incoming students. Lisa seconded the motion. School choice limits for FY17 approved.
- b. Approve Announced Tuition
  - Chris moved to keep the tuition rate at \$17,000.00 for FY17. Jackie seconded the motion. Tuition rate for FY17 approved.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber