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CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Monday, January 9, 2017

PRESENT: Chris Tormey, Lisa Olson, Sharon O'Connor, Ry Hoffman, **Administrators:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Christina Kimball, Business Manager, Peter Ackermann, Facilities Manager, David Schilling, Principal **Student Representatives:** Isabella McCallum, Cameron Mueller-Harder, Taylor Abbott
Absent: Jackie Folsom

Call to Order: Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:08pm.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve December 19, 2016 Minutes- Sharon moved to approve the minutes of December 19th as written. Chris seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.
- b. Approve December 7, 2016 Minutes - Sharon moved to approve the minutes of December 19th as written. Chris seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Reports

- a. Student Report – Cameron Mueller-Harder, Taylor Abbott, Isabella McCallum
 - No Report
- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
 - No Report
- d. Principal Report – David Schilling
 - No Report

Board Discussion

- a. FY18 Budget Draft 5
 - Christina shared with the board FY18 Budget Draft #5 and Highlights with changes from draft #4.
 - Revenue- there is an increase in the Small School Grant and a reduction to the Transportation Grant.
 - Regular Education- Reduced tech center tuition from \$12,500 to \$11,325 based on FY16 allowable tuition. Reduced six semester tech FTE. Reduced two health insurance plans.
 - Special Education – reduced special education assessment based on the approved WNESU budget.
 - Principal's Office – reduced on health insurance plan.
 - Construction Services – Updated Facilities Plan.
 - If Cabot School were to go out for a bond for facilities the bond would total \$170,000.00 over the course of ten years at around \$20,000 per year. This bond would include a cafeteria roof, kitchen/cafeteria drainage, air controls for high school and satellite building and CSPAC air circulation.

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- The FY18 budget currently includes \$84,000.00 for facility improvements. Several of the projects cannot be put into a bond. These items include satellite windows, blinds, phone system platform, Kitchen curtain drain, painting, gym rug, satellite flooring, cafeteria bathroom repairs.
 - After a discussion about facilities projects and costs the board decided to postpone the installation of a new phone system platform as well as air handlers in the high school. The postponement of these items will reduce the current draft of the budget by \$29,000.00. This draft budget is over the state's penalty threshold and would result in a tax increase of 9.2%
- b. Act 46 Study Committee Update
- On Wednesday January 11, 2017 Cabot will hold a public forum to discuss Act 46 merger options.
 - Ry Hoffman will serve as moderator. Nancy, Ry and Chris will present the three options and students will facilitate the discussion with the support of the three adults who participated in the training.
- c. Sick Bank Request
- Nancy recommended opening the sick bank for an individual who will be out taking care of her husband who recently had a heart attack.
- d. FY18 School Choice
- The school choice limit was previously set at 7 outgoing students and 7 incoming students.
 - After a discussion the board agreed to increase the school choice limit to 10 incoming students and 10 outgoing students.

Board Action

- a. Sick bank request
- Lisa moved to approve the sick bank request. Sharon seconded the motion. Sick bank request approved.
- b. FY18 School Choice
- Sharon moved to approve 10 incoming students for school choice and 10 students going out for school choice. Lisa seconded the motion. School choice of 10 incoming students and 10 outgoing students approved.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber