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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 17, 2016**

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

Call to Order Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve October 3, 2016 Minutes – Jackie moved to approve the minutes of October 3rd as written. Sharon seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Reports

- a. Student Report –

- None

- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas

- Preparations for negotiations are continuing.
- Work is continuing with Act 166 and the receipt of background check information. There are a total of 6 children attending preschool outside of Cabot.
- A leadership team meeting was held today. The team is currently working on establishing a system to evaluate teachers.
- Cabot is starting to review assessment results from SBAC.
- VSBA will be meeting on Thursday and Friday of this week.

- c. Principal Report – David Schilling

- David will be attending the LIS conference this week.
- Next week David and 6 teachers will be attending the Rowland Foundation Conference. The focus of this year's conference is equity in Vermont schools.
- The elementary school team is working on literacy skills this year. At a PLG meeting last week an article about phonemic awareness was reviewed. The team will also be looking into an assessment on phonemic awareness in grades K-3.
- The first community engagement activity of the school year was held. There was some discussion about proficiency based learning as well as all of the great things going on in Cabot.

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Presentation and Discussion: Cabot Connects Mentoring

- Members and the Director of Cabot Connects Mentoring Program shared some information about the program as well as an update on their financial situation.
- The Cabot Connects Mentoring Program, in the past, received up to \$3,000.00 from the budget and school board approval. Unfortunately over the years that amount has been cut. Cabot Connects is asking for the school board to approve greater amount than what was approved last year. They will also look into alternative funding sources.

Board Discussion

a. Student Board Representation

- Both Taylor Abbott and Cameron Mueller-Harder have expressed interest in being student representatives on the Cabot School Board.

b. FY17 Financial Update – Christina Kimball

- Christina shared the FY17 financial update with the board.
- As of right now it appears that Cabot will end FY17 with a deficit of \$99,276.09.
- There are several factors contributing to the deficit: there is an overspending in salaries because of the need for two long term subs, \$18,000 is being spent to pay for preschoolers to attend pre-k outside of Cabot and because there are 4 new WCMHS contracts

c. Act 46 update and Communication Plan

- At last week's meeting the Study Committee reviewed merger configuration possibilities that had been prepared during the study committee conducted in the spring and then each community discussed positives and negatives to the proposed option.

d. Student Activities Account – Corporate Authorization Resolution

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e. VEHI Annual Meeting Proxy Proposal

- On October 21, 2016 VEHI will hold their annual meeting at Lake Morey Resort. The Cabot school board members are unable to attend. Nancy proposed serving as their voting proxy.

Board Action:

a. Select Student Board Representatives

- Jackie moved to approve the addition of Taylor Abbott and Cameron Mueller-Harder as student representatives to the Cabot School Board. Sharon seconded the motion. Motion approved.

b. Act on Student Activities Account – Corporate Authorization Resolution

- Chris Tormey signed the authorization to include Peter Stratman.

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- c. Act on VEHI Annual Meeting Proxy Proposal
- Jackie moved to approve that Nancy serve as voting proxy at the VEHI meeting on October 21, 2016 for both Health and Dental. Chris seconded the motion. Motion approved.
 - Chris moved to direct Nancy to vote yes to the first article change of changing the VEHI board terms from 6 to 3 years and no to the second article change of giving one of the two NEA seats to VSBA. Jackie seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber