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CABOT SCHOOL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 16, 2015
Cabot School Library

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

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

Public Comment:

Hank Nally shared his proposed Eagle Scout Project with the board. Hank would like to construct a new sign for Cabot School. The Board thanked Hank and approved his project. Dave will oversee final details.

Board Discussion:

- a. Act 46 – Discussion Woodbury School Board Members
- Two members from Woodbury School attended the meeting to discuss possible options for Act 46 Merger.
 - Woodbury School is a K-6 School and is currently part of the OSSU School District.
 - When children reach 7th grade they move on to attend Hazen Union High School.
 - Woodbury currently has a student population of 51 students and employs 4 full time teachers.
 - Woodbury is still early on in the process of gathering information for possible mergers.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve November 2, 2015 Minutes – Chris moved to approve the minutes following amendments (Kerin Hoffman, Principal and add adjournment at 9:05pm.) Ry seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Reports:

- a. Student Report – Megan Walker, Isabella McCallum
- High School, Middle School and Elementary School Basketball is underway.
 - Cabot School met as a whole today to discuss current events and ways to strengthen the community.
 - X-day is still going well.
 - Isabella Attended the Scholars Bowl at Saint Johnsbury Academy. The team won 3 out of 5 Matches.
 - A Director from Kingdom County Productions met with students last Friday afternoon. Students viewed part of her movie The Hungry Heart and then asked questions.
- b. Principal Report – David Schilling
- Cabot received a Vermont Rural Community Grant in the amount of \$750.00 to help continue work on the preschool playground.
 - Hazing, Harassment and Bullying assembly was held last week.
- c. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
- Pre-K and pizza information session will be held Monday, November 23rd.
 - Nancy has participated in several trainings and meetings about Act 46. She has completed and submitted the grant application for a study with Twinfield and Cabot.
 - Nancy attended the VSBA negotiations training last Saturday.

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- The community engagement committee is working on fine tuning some activities for Cabot. A meeting will be held Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 3:00 pm.

Board Discussion:

a. Budget: Second Draft – Christina Kimball

- Christina Shared Cabot FY17 Budget Draft #2 and Highlights
- The Average Daily Membership is up from 31% to 33% for assessments
- A correction was made to the workers compensation rate.
- Dual enrollment costs were removed as the state will pay.
- The change from draft budget #1 to draft budget #2 is a decrease of \$40,000. Overall from Budget FY16 to FY17 is an increase of \$50,000 from budget to budget. The increases are due mostly to an increase in salaries and benefits. Many more faculty and staff are choosing to take health insurance.
- Christina also shared a draft of the 5 year Facility Plan with the Board and the proposed facility upgrades.

b. Act 46 Studies

- Nancy has completed the grant application for a study between Cabot and Twinfield. The grant is for a total of \$5,000.00
- Nancy also checked in with Matt Forest about the grant application for the study between Cabot and Danville. He will be forwarding the application to Nancy for her signature this week.
- The Agency of Education has indicated approval for Cabot and Twinfield to conduct a study within their district as well as Cabot and Danville conducting a study together.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber