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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**Monday, November 6, 2017**  
**Cabot School Library**

**Present:** Jackie Folsom, Sharon O'Connor, Lisa Olson, Rory Thibault, Chris Tormey, Cameron Muller Harder and Taylor Abbott **Administration:** Mark Tucker, Superintendent, Dave Schilling, Principal and Christina Kimball, Business Manger

**Call to order:** Jackie Folsom called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve October 5, 2017 Minutes
- b. Approve October 16, 2017 Minutes
- c. Approve October 24, 2017 Minutes

Sharon made a motion to approve minutes as amended, Rory seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

**Presentation**

M3 Presentation by Cabot High School Students

**Reports**

- a. Student Report – Cameron reported that the first Limes concert of the year is taking place this Friday. She also reported on the Scholars Bowl in which a number of Cabot HS students participated. VT won against New Hampshire. Soccer season has ended.
- b. Principal Report – A student that had been attending Cabot has been charged with attempted murder. Dave met with the high school and middle school to discuss the situation. New food service director is doing a fantastic job. Continue to struggle with behavior and climate in the elementary. There has been progress made. Continue to find solutions.
- c. Superintendent Report – All staff training on trauma in March of last year. Want to follow up with the same trainer; we have been approved for this year. Sent model policy for transgender, 1<sup>st</sup> reading will be at the next meeting. Mediation scheduled for tomorrow here at Cabot. First school closing last week. First draft of budget on Nov 20.

**Board Discussion**

- a. Financial Report – Christina Kimball – Budgeting season is in full swing. One of the challenges right now are the lack of a formal contract with teachers and support staff.
- b. AGS Proposal and Discussion of Preferred Supervisory Union
  - Rory gave an overview of the progress on the AGS proposal
  - One questions to decide is which Supervisory Union(s) should Cabot ask to join? Rory has had conversations with Board members in Washington Central that are welcoming.
  - Students have volunteered to work on gathering participation statistics for extra-curricular activities at the school.

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- There is a survey underway to gather reflections from Cabot graduates about their experiences after graduation and how well Cabot prepared them for work/tertiary education opportunities. This will be helpful for “marketing” the AGS to the State Board.
- There is a sense that the AGS proposal has to address both quality and affordability. Whether Cabot can meet both tests is a big question.
- The “Cabot Academy” concept has been rebranded as “Advantage Cabot.” Karen Larsen outlined the thinking of her group about Cabot Advantage. She advocates for including this proposal as part of the AGS proposal, stated her opinion that it is needed to “strengthen the overall AGS.”
- There is a public forum scheduled for Nov 15 to present the Advantage Cabot idea to the community.
- Chris asked to schedule a meeting on 11/13 to give the Board an opportunity to discuss Advantage Cabot before the community forum.
- The regularly scheduled Board meeting on 11/20 will be a retreat at Chris Tormey’s home.

**Executive Session** – Chris made a motion and Rory seconded to go into Executive Session. Approved – entered Executive Session at 7:59pm.

- a. Employee Sick Bank Request
- b. Discuss Employee Contract

## **Board Action**

- a. Act on Sick Bank Request – The Board exited Executive Session at 8:16. Chris moved and Sharon seconded to open the employee sick bank. Motion approved unanimously.

## **Future Agenda Items:**

None

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm