

CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Present: **School Board:** Chris Tormey, Linda Gabrielson, Sharon O'Connor, Paul Stecker and Jackie Folsom. **Administration:** Karen Stewart, Principal, Rob Billings, Business Manager and Nancy Thomas, Superintendent.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.
2. Public Comment:
 - a. Chad & Dawn Andrews made a request to the board for tuition payment for their four children to another school.
3. The board went into executive session at 6:03pm to discuss a student matter.
4. Executive session was concluded at 6:11pm.
5. Consent Agenda: Paul made a motion, seconded by Jackie, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
 - a. Approve December 5, 2011 minutes.
6. Reports:
 - a. **Principal's Report:** She urges the board to review the list of repairs/maintenance needed to the building and include financial support to make these repairs in the FY13 budget.
 - b. **Superintendent's Report:** Nancy has been addressing the camera/security issues, meeting with the teacher's union representative and the negotiations committee to discuss the teacher's collective bargaining agreement and working on the proposed FY13 budget. She is preparing a written report for the WNESU Board and will email this report to everyone. Nancy wanted to mention what an asset Dean Deasy has been in getting the camera/security issues resolved.
 - c. **Teacher's Association Report:** none.
7. Board Discussion:
 - a. **FY13 Budget:** Review of Forum Input: Rob distributed an updated proposed FY13 budget. He discussed information he received regarding the health insurance increases and Small Schools Grant. The health insurance expense is expected to be less than originally proposed, therefore the proposed FY13 budget was reduced. This draft of the proposed budget represents a 2.74% increase over the FY12 budget. The total amount is \$3,574,492.00. This represents both the local and state grant funded components of the budget. Due to the increase in the number of students, the tax rate is anticipated to go down.

- b. **Camera Policy: E12:** The board reviewed a draft of the Security Cameras policy. The board decided to include a description of the “public areas”. The policy is scheduled for a second reading on January 9, 2012.
8. Board Action:
 - a. **January 2012 Meeting:** The board decided to reschedule the first meeting in January to January 9, 2012 at 6pm.
 - b. **Cabot Board Goals:** The board approved the goals discussed at the November 7, 2011 retreat.
 - c. **Tuition Waiver Request:** Linda made a motion to deny the tuition request, seconded by Chris. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
 9. The board went into executive session at 7:30pm to discuss a student matter.
 10. Executive session was concluded at 8:27pm.
 11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber