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CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Monday, December 21, 2015

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

Call to Order: Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment : None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve December 7, 2015 Minutes: Sharon O'Connor moved to approve the December 7th minutes as written. Jackie seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Board Discussion

- a. Act 46 Preliminary Studies: Peter Clarke, Consultant
 - Peter Clarke met with the board to discuss the upcoming Act 46 studies between Cabot and Danville and Cabot and Twinfield. Peter will be the consultant for both studies.
 - The two studies (Cabot and Danville) (Cabot and Twinfield) will take an estimated 3 months to complete.
 - The study committees will meet with Peter every 3 weeks.
 - The Cabot/Danville Study Committee will meet January 14 at 6:00 p.m.; the Cabot/Twinfield Study Committee will meet January 20 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting locations to be determined.
- b. FY17 Collective Bargaining Agreement
 - Teacher negotiations were finalized with a 2.5% salary increase for Cabot teachers.
 - The language will remain the same as the current Agreement.
 - The Collective Bargaining Agreement will be in effect for the 2016-2017 school year.
- c. FY17 Budget Draft #4 – Christina Kimball
 - Christina Shared Cabot FY17 Budget Draft #3 Highlights.
 - Currently the Budget is at a .05% Increase, \$1,900.00, above the FY16 budget
 - Teacher negotiations were finalized with an increase of 2.5%
 - Regular Education: The six semester average for the tech center enrollment has decreased. Dual enrollment costs were removed as they will be covered by the state. The assessment to WNESU was reduced.
 - Special Education: There was a reduction in assessments.
 - Construction Services: This will be the first year of a two year replacement plan for windows. The estimate was added to this budget draft
 - On a different note, the FY 15 Audit has been completed with no major changes or deficiencies. Christina will send the final audit report out via e-mail.
- d. FY14 Deficit Refunding Note – Christina Kimball
 - FY14 budget came in with a deficit. A temporary note was taken out to fund that deficit.
 - It is now time to re-fund the note and stretch it out for a longer term.
 - The bank set up a 5 year term that stays within the budget.

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- The total amount of the note is 115,298.00. The payments are \$23,059.60 at an interest rate of 3.6%.
- e. Policy Revision, Second Reading: F1 student Conduct and Discipline
 - The board reviewed the policy

Board Action

- a. Ratify Teacher's Collective Bargaining Agreement
 - Sharon moved to ratify the Teacher's Collective Bargaining Agreement. Jackie seconded the motion. Ratification of Teacher's Collective Bargaining Agreement approved.
- b. Approve FY14 Deficit Refunding Note
 - Chris moved to approve the FY14 Deficit Refunding Note. Sharon seconded the motion. FY14 Deficit Refunding Note approved.
- c. Adopt Policy F1
 - Jackie Motioned to approve Policy F1. Chris seconded the motion. Policy F1 approved.

Reports

- a. Student Report - Megan Walker, Isabella McCallum, Alisha Celley
 - High School Students visited Goddard College. Students were able to explore the record collection and play them on air.
 - The winter concert was held last week and was a great success.
 - A Limes Concert will be held Crossett Brook School in Waterbury.
 - Final Gameshow Presentations were held this week.
 - Spanish classes have been cooking.
 - Midterms will wrap up this week.
 - Basketball is off to a great start. The girls are currently 3-0.
- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
 - None
- d. Principal Report – David Schilling
 - Hour of code was a hit. The Hour of Code is a National event that gets children to think about computing programming and code. Students in grades 4-8 had a successful experience.
 - Two Vermont Rural partnership grants have been awarded - One is for a preschool program and another is for older elementary students to do some goat farming.
 - A Vermont Reads Grant was just awarded to the 5/6 team.
 - There was a security event last week. Appropriate procedures were implemented to keep all students safe. This event helped to see where strengths and weaknesses in the locking and camera systems. The school will be using VSBIT grant funds for upgrades.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber