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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Cabot School Library  
Monday, December 7, 2015**

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

**Call to Order:** Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve November 16, 2015 Minutes - Chris Tormey moved to approve the minutes as written. Ry Hoffman seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.
- b. B. Approve Revised Minutes of October 5, 2015 – Chris Tormey

### **Reports**

- a. **Student Report** – Megan Walker, Isabella McCallum
  - On November 24<sup>th</sup> the 3/4 students shared their presentations on Native Americans and the statistics class students presented to a panel of judges about a gameshow that they had created.
  - Scholar Bowl team competed last Friday at South Burlington High School. It was a great learning experience.
  - Basketball is going well.
  - The Limes have a concert scheduled for December 23<sup>rd</sup> in Waterbury.
  - Cabot school Winter Concert will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> for grades 7-12 at 6:00pm
  - The winter concert for grades K-6 will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.
- b. **Superintendent Report** – Nancy Thomas
  - Great turnout for pre-k and Pizza. Fourteen adults attended, representing ten students. High School students provided childcare for the event.
  - Sharon's daughter, Clementine was nominated as a presidential scholar. She is one of 19 students nominated in the state.
  - League of Innovative School Coaches visited and there is a lot of excitement about what is happening at Cabot and Twinfield.
  - Mark Tucker and Nancy are attending risk management trainings put on by VSBIT.
  - Jackie and Chris are up for board re-election this year.
- d. **Principal Report** – David Schilling
  - League of Innovative Schools site visit went well.
  - Thursday is an early release day for students. There will be afternoon professional development training about working with children who have experienced significant trauma.

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- Cameron Hoffman shared her Native American culture presentation with the board.

### **Board Discussion**

#### a. Budget: Third Draft – Christina Kimball

- Christina shared the Washington Northeast Supervisory Union 2016-2017 Grant Information. The information included all staff that are paid through grants.
- Revenue: Currently looking at two tuition students for next year. More information will be provided by the AOE later.
- Still waiting on information from the state about Small Schools Grant, Transportation Aide and the Main Stream Grant. Using current year numbers for estimates.
- The equalized pupils were released yesterday. After looking through Act 46 guidelines if the school is not participating in a \$20,000.00 grant study committee then the school is not eligible for the hold harmless benefits. If Cabot is not allowed the hold harmless 3.5% then there would be a decrease in the equalized pupil amount of 11.49.
- The board agreed that the initial studies will lead to a longer study. The budget will need to be reduced by \$195,000. to avoid a penalty if the cost containment threshold is maintained.

#### b. SBAC Assessments – Pat Johnson-Knoerl

- Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium will continue to be used in Vermont
- Students in Grades 3-8 and 11 will complete this testing.
- Students are tested in English, Language Arts (reading, writing, listening) and Math
- The test Window is March-May and allows for more flexibility.
- There are two sessions each for computer adaptive tests in ELA and Math that take about 1 hour each.
- There are two sessions for a performance task ELA and one session for PT in Math.
- SBAC
- Results- Now have a new baseline for student performance.
- Scores will inform teachers.
- They are just one piece of data on student performance.

#### c. Student Sexual Health, Safety and Wellness

- David shared a short presentation about statistics and teen sexual activity.
- Cabot school will use the approach of BFA-Fairfax as a model for condom availability.
- Condoms will be made available to students upon request by students to the school nurse or wellness coordinator. Information will also be provided.
- A letter will be sent home to families outlining this new protocol. Parents will be given an option to opt out of the program for their students. Those families wishing to not participate will complete a form to be filed with the school nurse.

#### d. Policy Revision, First Reading: F1 Student Conduct and Discipline

- This policy was retained from the old set. The administrative leadership is recommending adoption of the model policy: F1 Student Conduct and Discipline.
- Will vote on this policy at the next board meeting.

#### e. Act 46

- The Cabot/Twinfield informal study has been approved.

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- Will be looking for board members interested in joining the study group.
- Chris and Nancy will meet with Peter Clark this week to get the study committee work underway for the Act 46 Grant.
- Will invite Peter to the next School Board meeting on 12/21/15.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Chris Tormey Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber