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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 20, 2017**

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

The Board Budget Hearing was held from 6:05 to 7:20. Chris Tormey presented the 2018 Cabot School Budget information. He and Business Manager, Christina Kimball, responded to questions.

Call to Order Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Public Comment: None

Parent Request: Kindergarten entrance date waiver – Amber and Raymond Bothfeld attended the meeting and requested that their daughter, be able to enter kindergarten next year despite the fact that she misses the cutoff by 4 days. Nancy distributed the policy that was passed last year and shared information from Preschool Teacher, Lynn Talamini. She recommended that the Board approve the waiver request due to the age and gender make up of the class that she is in and the one that she will be going to.

Board Action:

- a. Act on Kindergarten Age Entrance Waiver – Chris moved to approve the kindergarten age entrance waiver. Sharon seconded the motion. Kindergarten Age Entrance Waiver approved.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve February 6, 2017 Minutes – Jackie moved to approve the minutes of February 6th following amendments (Changing Cameron Hoffman to Camryn Hoffman, Requet to request in superintendent report and changing repot to report). Sharon seconded the motion. Minutes for February 6th approved following amendments.

Reports

- a. **Student Report** – Isabella McCallum, Cameron Mueller-Harder
 - Students have had two speakers this month. These speakers included Rusty Dewees and motivational speaker William Harris.

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- Last Thursday was a Big Husky Little Husky day. Students shared books as well as milk and cookies.
- Students had a ski day on Thursday, February 9th. It was a chilly day.
- The basketball seasons for boys and girls have been successful.
- The Calcutta raffle was held and winners have been notified.
- The 100th day of school was reached last week.

b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas

- Weather! Nancy shared the frustrations of unpredictable and frequent storms requiring school cancellations and delays.
- Superintendent visits and a community forum are being scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2017. Consultant, Bob Stevens has put together a form for feedback from staff and community members. Candidates will talk with principals. Final interviews will be held that evening.
- Act 46 work. The supervisory union offices are putting together a data sheet which includes enrollment data, cost per pupil, NECAP and SBAC scores and graduation information. The superintendents and business managers from CCSU and WNESU have discussed the merging of the two central offices and find there are cost savings. Nancy is working with the Act 46 committee to schedule a meeting since the last was canceled due to poor weather. The next potential meeting is scheduled for March 16th.

c. Principal Report – Dave Schilling

- Last week was, I love to read and write week. This week was planned by MJ Wright with assistance from Neine Riley.
- The 5th and 6th grade students are planning a dinner and a movie fundraiser.

Board Discussion

a. Preparation for Annual Meeting

- A mailer will go out to community members outlining the budget changes and reason for increase.
- The board will use the currently prepared slides for the Annual Meeting and Chris will create a handout.

b. Act 46 Study Committee Update

- Last week's meeting was canceled due to poor weather. The next meeting is potentially scheduled for March 16, 2017.
- As mentioned in the Superintendent's Report Nancy, CCSU staff and Peter Clarke are working together to prepare an Act 46 data sheet.

c. Negotiations Update

- The Unfair Labor Practice charge is moving forward. A hearing date is being scheduled and Attorneys Scott Cameron and Patty Turley are preparing the documents.

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Executive Session: Chris moved and Sharon seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss negotiations strategy, the premature disclosure of which would put the Board at a significant disadvantage. The board went into executive session as 8:12pm. The Board exited executive session at 8:38 pm. No action was taken.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber