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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, February 6, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Chris Tormey, Jackie Folsom, Ry Hoffman, Sharon O'Connor, Lisa Olson

**Administrators:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; David Schilling, Principal **Student**

**Representatives:** Cameron Mueller-Harder **Absent:** Taylor Abbott, Isabella McCallum

**Call to Order** Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

**Public Comment:** Camryn Hoffman shared a little information about the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades presentation of learning. For several weeks the students studied forensics as well as mysteries. The students then wrote their own short stories.

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve January 23, 2017 Minutes – Jackie moved to approve the minutes of January 23<sup>rd</sup> as written. Ry seconded the motion. Minutes of January 23<sup>rd</sup> approved as written.

**Reports**

- a. **Student Report** – Cameron Mueller-Harder

- Basketball season is off to a great start. There is a game against Vermont Commons tonight, February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The FLOW event was a great success. Maker-science students presented about the water crisis.
- The ski program is up and running.
- AP Environmental Science is studying a unit about sustainable energy, students are creating model houses.
- The Humanities class is now working on The Mixed Tape Musical. The Mixed Tape Musical will be a project that will be worked on from now until the end of the school year.

- b. **Superintendent Report** – Nancy Thomas

- Budgets are completed and off to the printers.
- The legislature decided not to address the request from Phil Scott to level fund and delay budget votes..
- Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> is the Cabot Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing. Nancy recommends that Cabot hold their first meeting of the month on Monday, March 13, 2017 and the second meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017.

- c. **Principal Report** – Dave Schilling

- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students held their presentation of learning. Students studied forensics and mystery story writing.

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- Ski days have been going well. A few of the 3-6 snow days have been canceled because of freezing rain.
- A wireless router has now been installed in the gym and has come in handy for music during gym class.

### Board Discussion

- a. Preparation for February 20th Budget Hearing
  - Chris will share a revised version of the power-point that was presented during the Budget Forum.
  - Chris distributed an informational sheet about the proposed budget for Cabot School 2017-2018 and explanation for changes.
- b. Preparation for District Annual Meeting
  - The district annual meeting is scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Act 46 Update
  - At the Act 46 meeting last week Nancy summarized the results of the public meetings held at Cabot, Danville and Twinfield. Some of the themes included: cost, enthusiastic about having more options, fear of the unknown, loss of town identity and voice, transportation concerns.
  - The Project-Based Learning Team met with the Act 46 committee and shared what a PBL academy might look like.
  - The Committee held a discussion around school closure issues that will be addressed in the articles of agreement.
  - The two superintendents, business managers and Peter Clarke met today to discuss and create what a central office might look like.
  - The Board discussed how to address issues around the gym which is in need of replacement or significant repair.
- d. Negotiations Update
  - An Unfair Labor Practice charge was filed by WNESU and the Teacher's Union filed
  - Counter charge: A meeting was held last week at Labor Relations Board with Tim Noonan as well as Scott and Patty the attorneys for district. The issue is being forwarded to the full Labor Relations Board.
  - **Board Action:** None

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment** : Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber