

## CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 2, 2012

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.
2. Public Comment:
  - a. Cathleen Maine was present to encourage School Board members attend the Select Board meeting on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. There will be a discussion about reducing the speed limit on Main Street and designating the road in front of the school as a "School Zone". There are many community members concerned about the increase in traffic through Cabot.
3. Consent Agenda: Jackie made a motion, seconded by Sharon to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
  - a. Approve March 19, 2012 minutes.
4. Reports:
  - a. Superintendent's Report: Winooski Valley School Choice Update: Eight requests to participate in school choice were received from Cabot students. There are four students from Cabot who will attend another school next year while three students who reside outside of Cabot will attend Cabot School.
5. Principal's Report: See attached
6. Board Discussion:
  - a. Shared Courses: Rob indicated that it would be more cost effective to hire a bus driver/custodian to transport students between Cabot and Twinfield for the shared classes. It will cost approximately \$34,000 - \$44,000 to hire someone for 6.5 hours/day compared to \$41,000 - \$46,000 for 4.5 hours/day if the district contracted with a bus company. The transportation portion of this expense may be eligible for state reimbursement at 44%. Administration would like to begin getting a commitment from students who are interested in signing up for these classes.
  - b. Security: Karen and Rob estimate that it will cost \$3,500 to install buzzers and radios for all the buildings to ensure the safety of the students and faculty/staff. This cost can be absorbed by the present budget.
  - c. Board Goals: For the next step of board goals Nancy suggested coming up with questions that needed to be answered. The Board suggested some of the following questions: How do Cabot students like the transformation that has occurred? How do we measure the success of the changes that have occurred? What makes School

- Choice students want to attend Cabot? Why do Cabot students want to attend another school? What are home schooled students/parents interested in? What percentage of Cabot graduates continue with a secondary education? How do we get the community involved? Is the community concerned about the safety issues of the campus? What do people want regarding the buildings? Where is the funding coming from to finance facility projects? Nancy, Karen and Chris will meet to discuss the next step.
7. Board Action:
    - a. Staff List for FY13: Sharon made a motion, seconded by Paul to approve the faculty list for FY13, as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
    - b. Co-Curricular Stipend Schedule FY13: Chris made a motion, seconded by Jackie to approve the Co-Curricular Stipend Schedule for FY13 as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
    - c. The board appointed Sharon O'Connor to review invoices and sign the check warrants.
  8. The board went into executive session at 8:13pm to discuss a student matter and discuss contract negotiations.
  9. Executive session was concluded at 8:27pm.
  10. Board Action: The board has rescheduled the April 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting to April 30, 2012, due to scheduling conflict.
  11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Epinette  
Transcriber