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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 2, 2016**

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

Call to Order: Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve April 4, 2016 Minutes –Jackie moved to approve the minutes as written. Lisa Olson seconded the motion. Minutes of April 4, 2016 approved as written.

Reports

- a. Student Report – Alisha Celley, Isabella McCallum, Megan Walker
 - SBAC testing started today. This month juniors will also complete AP testing, NECAPs and SATs.
 - May 21st is the prom. Posters have been put up. The theme is, “Starry Night.”
 - AP Calculus had a retreat last week to prepare for the test and it went well.
 - The High School viewed, “Beyond Measure” and then a discussion was held after among students and teachers.
 - A principal and students from Deer Isle, ME visited Cabot.
- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
 - While visiting family in Finland Nancy had the opportunity to visit a Finnish elementary school with her granddaughter for a day.
 - Students start school at 7 years old and there are many opportunities throughout the day for movement activities. Nancy is hoping to keep in touch with the school’s principal.
- d. Principal Report – David Schilling
 - The **principal** and 6 students visited Cabot from Deer Isle, ME. A dinner was held at the Burke’s and the students did homestays. The students were impressed with the culture and great sense of community at Cabot. David will look into a visit to Deer Isle early next year.
 - Fifth and sixth grade teachers will attend a training through the Higher Ed Collaborative. The training is about teaming and how to build a quality middle school program.
 - Several teachers will be attending a professional development opportunity in Maine, visiting the King School.
 - Michael Crocker and Rebakka Milles were accepted in the the CREST program through UVM. This program starts at the end of the school year and focuses on hands on science.
 - There are limited subs this week and David will be spending time in the 5/6 classrooms.
 - For next year David would like to put together a handbook for subs that will developmentally appropriate techniques and teaching practices. Nancy is hoping a handbook can be developed

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for the whole school district. Sharon suggested putting a link on the school website about how to become a sub.

- David would like to develop newsletter to keep families informed. This is an opportunity for students to explore journalism.

Board Discussion

a. 2017 High School Trip

- Michael Crocker has been doing research into other trip opportunities for juniors and seniors. The hope is to increase student participation and decrease the fund raising burden.
- Michael looked into a program called Broad Reach and the students would travel to Costa Rica. This is an education based program.
- There are Marine Biology, Social Studies and Spanish components.
- Students would put a deposit down through the program rather than the school. Students are able to fundraise on their own and there would also be group fundraising opportunities. The cost without airfare is \$2350.00 per student and two teachers/chaperones are paid for in full.
- This would be a 10 day trip and take place in June. It could be a June term offering.
- In order for the trip to take place there must be a minimum of 10-12 students.

b. Act 46-Review of Forum Feedback, Next Steps

- The notes from the Act 46 Forum will be posted tomorrow.
- There will be a special board meeting held on May 9 with Peter Clarke, to discuss what direction Cabot wants to take in regards to options for Act 46.
- Chris suggested addressing the community again before starting the 706 study to brief everyone on the results of the work done thus far on Act 46 and possible options.
- What happens if we don't enter into a 706 study?
- The Agency of Education has an FAQ about 706 studies. A link for this information will be posted with the forum notes, questions and answers.

c. Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements Policy – First Reading

- This is a required policy and was developed this year as part of work with League of Innovative schools Grant.
- This Policy would be implemented for the Graduating Class of 2019 for Cabot.
- David shared an informational hand out about Proficiency based learning and how it works.
- An informational sheet will be put together for families to help them better understand proficiency based learning requirements and what it means for students.

d. Teacher Appreciation Day

- The board will be preparing and serving breakfast for teachers on Tuesday, May 3rd. Breakfast will start at 7:30am.

Board Action

a. Approve 2017 High School Trip

- Jackie Folsom moved to support the Costa Rica trip through Broad Reach with group of at least 10 students. Chris Tormey seconded the motion. Motion approved.

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b. Approve Hiring of Librarian/literacy interventionist.

- Jackie moved to approve Eileen (Nene) Riley for the Librarian/Literacy Interventionist position. Sharon O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

Executive Session: Jackie moved and Chris seconded going into executive session for a personnel matter. Meeting went into executive session at 8:10pm. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:30pm

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber