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CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Present: **School Board:** Chris Tormey, Ry Hoffman, Sharon O'Connor, Paul Stecker and Jackie Folsom. **Administration:** Pat Johnson, Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Development Coordinator, Karen Stewart, Principal and Nancy Thomas, Superintendent.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Public Comment: none.
3. Board Discussion:
 - a. Follow up on Communication Forum: The board reviewed the list of what works, what needs improvement and suggestions for improvement that were gathered at the meeting on June 11th. The two areas the community, students, parents and faculty designated as priorities were (a) Fostering Opportunities for Student Voice and Dialogue and (b) Enhancing Information Dissemination. As a result of the suggestions made, the board would like to move forward by (i) inviting students to serve on the school board, (ii) revitalize student leadership/council, (iii) create regular communication between teachers and students to provide constructive feedback, (iv) utilize PowerSchool announcements more, (v) include student work, school calendar, posting approved minutes, etc. in the Cabot Chronicle and (vi) contact Will Walters about creating a Cabot Newswire.
 - b. Technology Plan 2012-2015: The Vermont Department of Education requires a technology plan at the Supervisory Union level. Holly gave an overview of the technology that is in process now and the future. She suggests this plan be reviewed each year.
4. Consent Agenda: Sharon made a motion, seconded by Paul to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
 - a. Approve June 4, 2012 minutes, with corrections;
 - b. Approve June 11, 2012 minutes.
5. Reports:
 - a. Superintendent's Report:
 - i. Nancy shared a letter she received from Vermont School Board's Association, commending Nancy and David Schilling on their presentation regarding the transformation program at Cabot.
 - ii. Nancy reminded the board about the WNESU meeting on June 21, 2012.
 - b. Principal's Report:
 - i. Course of Studies Meeting held on June 20th went well.

- ii. Demonstration of Learning with the middle school went very well. The students did an excellent job.
 - iii. Graduation went well.
 - iv. 10 faculty members will travel to High Tech High in San Diego, and participate in a three day workshop.
6. Board Action:
- a. Tax Anticipation Note (TAN): Chris made a motion, seconded by Paul to accept the bid from Merchant's Bank. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
 - b. Audit Bid: Chris made a motion, seconded by Jackie to accept the bid from Mudgett, Jennett and Krogh-Wisner as recommended by administration. The motion carried with a vote of 3-2.
 - c. Technology Plan 2012-2015: Jackie made a motion, seconded by Sharon to approve the Technology Plan for 2012-2015. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
 - d. PreSchool Teacher: Sharon made a motion, seconded by Ry to approve Shannon Casey as the PreSchool Teacher. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
 - e. Tuition Waiver: Chris made a motion, seconded by Ry to approve a tuition waiver request from Austin Fay, for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
7. The board went into executive session at 8:36 pm to discuss the negotiations update.
8. Executive session was concluded at 9:03 pm.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber