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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, July 10, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Jackie Folsom, Sharon O'Connor, Lisa Olson, Randilee Raynor, Patrick Healy, Scott Harris, Jill Wilson, Jon Groveman, Lauren Cleary, Robert Eagan; **Administrators :** Mark Tucker, Superintendent, David Schilling, Cabot Principal, Mark Mooney, Twinfield Principal; **Student Representatives:** Taylor Abbott, Cameron Mueller-Harder; **Absent:** Chris Tormey

**Call to Order:** Jackie Folsom, Vice Chair – called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Public Comment**

None

Joint conversation with Twinfield Union School Board regarding possible merger ideas

- Jackie explained that Cabot is looking at a couple of options
  - Keep high school in Cabot as a PBL school or private academy , or become a PK-8 school
  - Chris Tormey has spoken with Orleans South Supervisory Union to discuss merger options with Craftsbury.
- Danville has been in contact with Blue Mountain to discuss merger options.
- Scott Harris informed the group that Twinfield Union School Board has reached out to Williamstown/Northfield, Barre and Washington Central Supervisory Union to begin discussions on possible merger options.
- The Cabot School Board will be conducting a survey of the community to understand why the merger was voted down and what direction the community would like to see Cabot School take.
- Danville School Board will be analyzing why the merger was voted down as well.
- The Cabot and Twinfield Union School boards agreed to continue conversations on possible new merger ideas.
- Mark Tucker asked what the group thought of Cabot School and Twinfield Union School joining as a PreK - 12 structure on one side with Barnet, Walden, and Waterford.
- We need to show state board our due diligence in working on an alternate structure or merge proposal, or do nothing and let the state decide. There will be default articles of agreements for those that the state ends up matching.
- The results of the community survey will allow the boards to decide what is and is not really needed from each other and in continued conversations with other districts, and identify all negotiables / non-negotiables in order to move forward.

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- A joint meeting of the Twinfield and Cabot Boards will be held August 14 in Cabot at 6:00pm, with an independent meeting facilitator.
- Prior to that meeting board members are asked to submit all topics related to the feasibility of a merger with Cabot and TUS as partners in the merger to Mark Tucker.

**Executive Session** - The Board went into executive session at 7:05pm to discuss a personnel issue. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:10pm. No action was taken

## **Consent Agenda**

- Approve June 26, 2017 Minutes. Randilee moved to approve the minutes as written, Sharon seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written

## **Reports**

### a. Principal Report – Dave Schilling

- None

### b. Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker

- The Administrative Leadership Retreat was held last week. Work was done on time on protocols for meetings, creating goals for next year, continuing to focus on proficiencies and general student support systems. The new members of the central office team, Monica Morrissey, Curriculum Director and Julia Pritchard, Special Services Director, are off to a great start.

## **Board Discussion**

- Jackie noted that there are two candidates interested in the open board seat.

### a. Survey Update

- The group reviewed the draft community survey
- This survey is through Survey Monkey, and paper copies will be available at the Cabot Library and Town Clerk's Office.
- The deadline for survey feedback will be July 25.
- Survey results will be reviewed on a July 31 meeting.
- A Community Forum will be scheduled in August at Cabot School to discuss survey results.
- A joint meeting of Twinfield and Cabot School Boards will be held on August 14, 2017 at Cabot School.

## **Board Action**

- None

**Adjournment** : The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Sylvia Charron