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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 12, 2016**

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

Call to Order Chris Tormey – called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve August 22, 2016 Minutes– Sharon moved to approve the minutes as written. Ry seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written

Reports

- a. Student Report – Isabella McCallum
- Soccer season is underway.
 - Isabella will work on recruiting more student reps for the school board.
 - Isabella also started her internship at VPERG today.
- b. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
- In-service went extremely well.
 - There is a positive atmosphere at both Cabot and Twinfield.
 - Act 166, Universal pre-k is up and running. There are a total of 5 students attending preschool outside of Cabot School and a total of 19 students attending Cabot Pre-School.
 - Nancy has been working with Scott Cameron (lawyer for WNESU) in preparation for the upcoming negotiations.
 - Hiring for recent openings has been a challenge at the start of the school year.
- c. Principal Report – Dave Schilling
- The year is off to a great start and there is a lot of positive energy.
 - The high school had their annual overnight retreat at the Siskin Center.
 - The new staff members are jumping right in.
 - John LeClair, the behavioral interventionist from WCMHS has started.

Board Discussion

- a. Video: “Our Time: and “the making of the video”
- David shared a video created by up with learning. The video, “Our Time” brings to life students thoughts, voices and feelings about the move toward proficiency-based learning.
- b. Petition for Australian Ballot for School Budget
- A petition was circulated in April requesting that school budget vote be moved to Australian ballot.
 - The board has sixty days to hold a meeting in response to the petition.

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- The meeting is scheduled with the Select Board on October 20, 2016.
- Chris suggested putting a clarifying statement in the Cabot Chronicle in regards to the petition.

c. Early Retirement Option

- Nancy is recommending against offering early retirement options for teachers and support staff this year.
- The board would like to discuss this further and will vote at the September 19th meeting.

d. Hiring Recommendation

- The recommended candidates for the Health Teacher position and the Long Term Substitute for Spanish both decided not to accept the positions which left two vacancies at Cabot.
- Rachel Popoli is the recommended candidate for the open Health Teacher position.
- Rachel most recently was a long term sub at Union Elementary. She has a master's degree in child wellness and will hold a provisional license as she works toward her Health Educator endorsement through peer review.
- Dave is working on filling the Spanish substitute position.

e. Recreation Field

- A concern has been raised about a resident coming to soccer practices. Nancy will do some research with lawyers to find out if restrictions can be put on spectating during school use of the recreation fields.

Board Action

- a. Approve new hire for Health position. Chris moved to approve Rachel Popoli as the recommended candidate. Sharon seconded the motion. Rachel Popoli approved as Health Teacher.
- b. Set meeting date for School District Meeting to consider the petition for Australian ballot voting – Chris moved to approve October 20th as the meeting date. Jackie seconded the motion. October 20th approved as the date for the School District Meeting to consider the petition for Australian ballot voting on the school budget.
- c. Act on Early Retirement Option – Tabled for the September 19th meeting.

Executive Session – Board went into executive session at 7:54pm. The Board returned from executive session at 8:00 p.m. no action was taken.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber