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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 28, 2017**

PRESENT: Chris Tormey, Jackie Folsom, Sharon O'Connor, Lisa Olson, Rory Thibault; **Administrators:** Mark Tucker, Superintendent, David Schilling, Principal

School Collaboration Discussion: The Cabot Board and administrators met jointly with the Board of Danville School at their Board meeting to discuss possibilities for collaboration as part of the ongoing Act 46 review. The Danville Board convened at 6:05pm. The discussion revolved around possible ideas for program sharing. No action was taken, but the Danville Board chair promised to get back to Chris Tormey before October 15 to state whether further talks between the parties is desired by Danville. The Danville Board then adjourned at 7:00pm.

Call to Order: Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting of the Cabot Board to order at 7:10 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve September 14, 2017 Minutes – made typographical corrections and added more detail to the Board Discussion: Act 46 section of the minutes. Chris moved to approve the minutes with amendments, Jackie seconded, minutes approved.

Reports

- a. Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker
 - None
- d. Principal Report – David Schilling
 - None

Board Discussion

- a. Early Retirement Option
 - Mark recommended that the Board not approve any early retirements for next year's budget. He noted a complex budget cycle is pending, with the need to address the State's healthcare recapture, a \$50M gap in the State Ed Fund, and unsettled teacher and support staff agreements, the cost of which is not yet known.
- b. Act 46 Update
 - The Board continued to discuss the complexities of the various scenarios for Act 46.
 - Chris reported that he has asked for a series of financial projections from the Business Office that will be presented at the Act 46 Community Forum on Thursday October 5th. These

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projections will be used to illustrate the costs of various scenarios that the Board has been discussing

- On October 5th, the Board will be presenting options to the community and asking for them to weigh on the direction the Board should take in meeting its obligations under Act 46. The Board plans another survey of the community, and based on feedback following the earlier community survey, will conduct this survey by mailing documents to the community.

Board Action

a. Early Retirement Option

- The Board voted unanimously to accept the Superintendent's recommendation not to offer early retirements next year.

Executive Session

Rory moved to go into executive session for a contract issue, Jackie seconded, the board moved into executive session at 8:10pm. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:22pm. No action was taken.

Future Meetings

- October 2, 2017 – Cabot School Board Meeting
- October 5, 2017 – Act 46 Community Forum

Adjournment: The Board Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Tucker, Minute Taker