

**APPROVED**

**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, October 21, 2013, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m., Tormey's Home**

**PRESENT:** Chris Tormey, Ry Hoffman, Jackie Folsom, Sharon O'Connor, Paul Stecker;  
Administration: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Pat Knoerl, Curriculum Director, Karen Stewart, Principal; Gus Dibble, Business Manager; Student Representatives: Heidi Cookson, Hugh Burke

**Call to Order** – Chris Tormey – 5:10 p.m.

**Public Input**

None

**Board Discussion**

- a. Gus Dibble, the newly hired business manager, was introduced to the Board members.
- b. The Board reviewed the budget timeline and will finalize the schedule at the next meeting.
- c. The Board viewed the "Situational Analysis of Public Education in Vermont" created by the Vermont School Boards Association and discussed the implications for Cabot.
- d. Nancy reviewed information from the past legislative session and the changes that will require changes for Cabot practices and budget over the next few years.
- e. Karen reviewed the information gathered from the Community Conversations, areas that are currently being addressed, those that will need addressing and those that are primarily within the purview of families
- f. The Board brainstormed ideas for areas that they would want to see addressed going into the future, including career planning, internships, financial literacy, world language at an early age and authentic community service.
- g. The Board reviewed the Facilities Assessment of 2011 and the School Energy Site Report from Norm Etkind and discussed next steps for addressing the poor condition of many of the buildings. This includes working with the newly forming Cabot Partners in Education and the select board to solicit input on the needs of the school and the community as well as to share the information regarding the status of the buildings.
- h. The administration and board members shared areas they would like to discuss for enhancement or change in the budget for FY 15. Chris asked that the estimated costs for the changes be brought to the next Board meeting.

**Adjournment 10:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Thomas, Superintendent