

**APPROVED**

**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, January 6, 2014, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Cabot School Library**

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

**Call to Order** – Chris Tormey – 6:10 p.m.

**Public Input**

None

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve December 16, 2013 Minutes – Sharon moved to accept the minutes, Ry seconded – approved with one abstention.

**Reports**

- a. Superintendent Report – Nancy Thomas
  - Nancy has been working with the business office on budgets.
- b. Principal Report – Karen Stewart
  - None
- c. Student Report -
  - None

**Board Discussion**

- a. FY15 Budget Draft #3 – Nancy Thomas, Gus Dibble
  - Nancy reported on anticipated revenue for FY15.
  - Nancy reviewed the tax rates given the current draft.
    - Common Level Appraisal – is up which decreases tax rate.
    - Local Homestead tax rate – increase of 7.8% or 12cents.
    - Non-Homestead tax rate – decrease of 1%.
  - Chris asked Nancy to review changes against Draft#2 for the group.
    - Regular Education – Adding a grades 5/6-Teacher and a grades 5-12 Technology Design Teacher.
    - Health – increase Nurse hours by 1 hour.
    - Technology – decrease of \$1,500.
    - Fiscal Services – Error corrected.
    - Plant Operations & Transportation – decrease in plant ops and increase in transportation.
    - Construction Projects – Removed cafeteria roof project.
    - Debt Services – removed CSPAC payment.
  - Peter Ackerman Reviewed a priority list of construction projects.

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- Boiler Room Roof – There is a hole in that roof which Peter can patch,
  - Insulation – Several areas are in need of roof insulation/roof repair (cafeteria, the 1<sup>st</sup> satellite bldg., emergency entrances) – Chris asked if cafeteria roof can wait another year, Peter stated he could work to patch it. Peter will research the cost of removing insulation from the 1<sup>st</sup> satellite bldg. and replacing it with blown insulation, he will report back on results.
  - Security – Additional camera needed at Library door. Possible implementation of visitor buzzer entrance system.
  - Painting the High School/Lead abatement.
  - Wood Chip Maintenance - Parts on order, Peter will do repairs this summer.
  - Chris reviewed a proposal to decrease the budget from a 7.8% tax increase to a 5.5% tax increase or \$66,000. Chris made some suggestions.
  - The group discussed concerns and support of the proposed decreases. Chris asked Nancy, Pat and Gus to work on appropriate reductions by line item to attain the bottom line budget cut amount.
- b. FY15 Announced Tuition – delayed by technical difficulties of the Agency of Education. Will present at January 13, 2014 meeting.
- c. Plan Public Forum for January 13, 2014
- The group discussed handouts to be presented to the public. Chris asked Nancy to send the cover sheet to board members for review prior to the forum.
  - The Public Forum will be held on January 13, 2014 from 6-7 p.m.
- d. Act 150 Choice
- Nancy explained school choice lottery; school boards set the number of incoming and outgoing students desired. Nancy recommended remaining at a count of 7 students for both incoming and outgoing students.
- e. Jackie asked Pat for the five year curriculum and staffing plan.

### **Board Action**

- a. Approve Act 150 Choice Limits – Jackie moved to accept Nancy’s recommendation of 7 students for both incoming and outgoing limits, Sharon seconded – unanimously approved.

**Executive Session** – for personnel issue – Chris moved to enter executive session at 7:50 p.m., Jackie seconded – approved. The Board came out of executive session at 8:15 p.m. No action was taken.

**Adjournment** 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sylvia Charron, Transcriber