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CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 20, 2014, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Cabot School Humanities Classroom

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

Call to Order – Chris Tormey 6:08

Public Input

Lisa Olson announced a clothing swap-give-away will be held on Wednesday before the concert, in the Cafeteria.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve January 13, 2014 Minutes – under **Public Input** – correct the spelling of *plaque...*
Jackie moved to accept the minutes as amended, Paul seconded – unanimously approved,

Reports

- a. **Superintendent Report** – Nancy Thomas
 - Teacher negotiations began on Wednesday.
 - The central office has been concentrating on the budget.
- b. **Principal Report** – Karen Stewart
 - Last Thursday was an early release day – elementary team focused on math education.
 - Today was a full in-service day –
 - para-educators received math training and K-6 teachers collaborated with Orange North SU teachers on non-negotiable math skills. Karen offered to bring materials now being used in the math curriculum, to the next meeting.
 - The secondary team worked on the defining the Design Technology course for grades 7-12 and began planning J-Term offerings.
 - The middle school team did Tarrant Foundation work
 - Grades 3-6 team has aligned their schedules, offering reading and math at the same time. The grade 3-4 long term substitute is doing well working with the team. Jackie asked if a mentor has been assigned, Nancy stated that mentoring and support are happening within the team.
- c. **Student Report** – Hugh Burke
 - New semester has begun.
 - People of The Beans Café is doing well.
 - Limes will be performing during the winter concert this week.

Board Discussion

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a. Finalize FY15 Budget – Nancy

- The board reviewed a draft job description for the Design Technology position. Karen reviewed how this position differs from the SEED program.
 - Design Technology focus is on grades 5-12.
 - Planning and teaching collaboratively with grades 5-12 teachers in social studies and science.
 - This position will engage all students grades 5-12 rather than the 10 students currently enrolled in SEED program

Executive Session – The board went into executive session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Design Technology position. The board returned from executive session at 7:03 p.m. No action taken.

- The board discussed increasing the Physical Education position from .90FTE to 1.00FTE. The teacher in this position also drives school bus at the beginning and end of every day. The recommendation is to add a part time bus driver in order to allow PE teacher to attend morning staff meetings, be assigned to recess supervision and add a PE class.
 - The board asked to keep PE position at .90., add a substitute bus driver some mornings for meetings.
- Technology – Karen noted that the tech budget has been reduced and discussed computer replacement cycle. Jackie would like to receive a technology inventory list and replacement plan in the future. The board requested a reduction in the technology budget.
- Facilities – Jackie reminded the group of a community member’s request at the public forum regarding lead paint/testing results. Nancy will send Chris that report, Chris will follow up with the community member.
- The board requested the overall budget be reduced \$27,900 for a total budget of \$3,675,417. This represents an increase of 1.05% on expenditures and 4.5% on local homestead tax rate from last year.

Board Action

- a. Approve FY15 Budget - Jackie moved to accept the total budget of \$3,675,417, Sharon seconded – unanimously approved.

Executive Session – The board went into executive session at 8:10 p.m. for a personnel issue. The board returned from executive session at 9:07 p.m. No action taken

Adjournment - 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sylvia Charron, Transcriber