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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, March 24, 2014 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Cabot School Library**

**PRESENT:** Chris Tormey, Sharon O'Connor, Lisa Olson, Ry Hoffman; Administration: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Karen Thomas, Principal; Pat Knoerl, Curriculum Director; Student Representatives: Kassandra Morse, Heidi Cookson, Hugh Burke; Absent: Jackie Folsom

**Call to Order** – Chris Tormey – 6:05 p.m.

**Public Input**

None

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve March 10, 2014 Minutes – Chris Tormey moved to accept the minutes as written, Lisa Olson seconded – unanimously approved

**Reports**

- a. **Superintendent Report** – Nancy Thomas
- Nancy thanked board members who attended the VSBA meeting on March 17 to join the discussion on the School Governance Bill 883. Nancy asked the board to consider what the passage of this Bill would mean for Cabot School and consider collaborative opportunities with other districts. Nancy will provide a link to the Bill for board members.
  - The VSBIT Annual Meeting will present a half-day session on Affordable Care Act and considerations for negotiations. Nancy invited board members to attend.
- b. **Principal Report** – Karen Stewart
- Interviews for grades 3/4 and 5/6 teachers will be taking place over the course of the next three weeks.
- c. **Student Report** – Hugh Burke, Cassandra Morse, Heidi Cookson
- The Class of 2014 has been planning graduation – Madeline Kunin will be the commencement speaker. Graduation will be held on June 13, 2014.
  - Heidi and Kassandra did a presentation with Brian Boyes and Dave Schilling on Project Based Learning at the High School Re-design in Action Conference on March 21. Several Cabot students, also in attendance at the conference, manned booths displaying and explaining their projects for a gallery walk.
  - The Limes performed on March 20 at the High School Re-design in Action Conference in Norwood, MA. The Limes also performed at Randolph High School along with the Randolph Jazz Band on Saturday, March 22.

**Board Discussion**

- a. School & Recreation Committee Coordination – Linda Savoca & Deb Bothfeld

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- Co-athletic directors, Linda and Deb informed the board that on Town Meeting Day Deb was notified that the Recreation Field would be undergoing modifications in the fall and that Cabot School would not be able to utilize the field for the Soccer Season.
  - Chris Tormey asked if this work on the field has been approved by the select board, that is unknown. Chris offered to speak to the select board.
- b. Board Operations and VSBA Code of Ethics - Nancy
- Nancy reviewed the Vermont School Board Association Code of Ethics and asked board members to sign the document.
- c. Interim Principal Job Description and Search Process – Nancy
- A transition team of 12 people met last week to outline the needs of Cabot School and the characteristics needed for the interim principal.
  - The board reviewed and discussed the Interim Principal job description.
  - The position will be posted to School Spring this week, looking at mid-April to begin interviews.

## **Presentation**

Fall NECAP Results – Pat Knoerl

- Pat reviewed the results of the NECAP testing of Grades 3-8 and 11.
- In Math and Reading, all scores are above state-wide average.
- In Writing, grades 5 & 8 dip below state-wide average, grade 11 met the state-wide average.

**Board Action:** None

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia Charron, Transcriber