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CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 25, 2014, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Cabot School Library

PRESENT: Chris Tormey, Ry Hoffman, Lisa Olson, Jackie Folsom, **Administration:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Gail Curtis, Principal; Dave Schilling, Design Tech; **Absent:** Sharon O'Connor

Call to Order Chris Tormey, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Lisa Olson asked if there will be an opening ceremony on the first day of school (August 26). Gail explained that students and faculty will meet on the CSPAC lawn at 8:30 a.m. to introduce new teachers, discuss expectations.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve August 11, 2014 Minutes – Under **Public Comment** change Jackie to Sharon regarding the Goddard Radio Project, correct the spelling of *Duel*. Chris Tormey moved to accept the minutes as amended, Lisa Olson seconded – approved.

Reports

- a. **Superintendent Report** - Nancy Thomas
 - Nancy reviewed the opening In-Service days for Faculty and Staff, held August 20, 21, 22, 25. Nancy noted that feedback was very positive, energy and enthusiasm was high among all participants.
- b. **Principal Report** – Gail Curtis
 - Gail thanked Pat Knoerl for organizing the New Faculty Orientation day.
 - Gail and Alexis Kramer, Responsive Interventionist are working to finalize revisions to PBIS in the coming weeks.
 - Gail reviewed the fall soccer coaches for the board.

Board Discussion

- a. **Drainage Update** – Peter Ackermann
 - Hartigan was on site to view the culvert under the library via robotic camera. It was determined that flooding of the middle school has no direct link to that culvert.
 - The installation of a curtain drain is recommended to address the problem. Peter will get estimates.
 - The installation of a catch basin and culvert outside the maintenance office has been delayed by the contractor. Peter will get estimates from another contractor.
- b. **Hiring Update**
 - The Long Term Substitute for Primary Grades 1&2 has been filled.
 - Interviews for a Part-Time Music Teacher will begin soon.
 - An Elementary Para-Educator position is also open.

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c. E14 Fund Balance Policy, Second Reading

- A clarification was made to item #3-Committed Fund Balance, stating the board makes the formal action regarding allocation of fund balance.

d. Plan New Staff Welcome

- The Board is inviting all Faculty, Staff and Community to attend a Community Meet and Greet Picnic on September 4 from 5:00-6:30p.m.

e. Plan Board Retreat – September 15

- The Cabot School Board Retreat will take place at Chris Tormey's home on September 15, 5:00-9:00p.m.
- The group discussed topics to address and the importance of informing and involving community members.
 - Act 77, Dual Enrollment, Proficiency Based Graduation, etal
 - The needs of Cabot School – Facility Assessment
 - Preparing for Principal search
- Jackie noted public confusion and mixed-messages regarding the Common Core. The group will look at ways to portray a message of understanding the Common Core.
- Chris suggested submitting a monthly school board update to the Cabot Chronicle to keep the community informed. Gail stated that she plans to submitted periodic updates from the school as well.
- Ry asked for school population and projection to address possible consolidation in the future.

Board Action

None

Executive Session

None

Future Agenda Items

a. Condom Distribution

- Lisa Olson distributed a draft policy for review, Nancy noted that the Health Center will work with the board on policy creation and information to parents. This item will be on the September 8 Agenda.

b. Appoint Truant Officer

- This item will be on the September 8 Agenda

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sylvia Charron