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**eCABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, January 5, 2015**

**Cabot School Library**

**PRESENT:** Chris Tormey, Sharon O'Connor, Jackie Folsom, Ry Hoffman; **Administrators:** Gail Curtis, Principal; Dave Schilling, Principal Intern; Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Christina Kimball, Business Manager; Pat Knoerl, Curriculum Director; **Student Representatives:** Megan Walker, Heidi Cookson  
**Absent:** Lisa Olson, Gage Sironi

**Call to Order** Chris Tormey, Chair called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda**

Approve December 15, 2014 Minutes: Chris made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Sharon seconded the motion. Approved as written

Approve December 22, 2015 Minutes: Sharon made a motion to approve minutes as written. Jackie seconded. Minutes approved as written.

**Reports**

a. **Superintendent Report** - Nancy Thomas

- Rebecca Holcombe has been invited to visit Cabot School. She will be visiting February 8, 2015 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Looking forward to her input.
- In discussions with Michelle Delaney about gym use for personal training. Will find out more information for equipment use and insurance.

b. **Principal Report** – Gail Curtis

- Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> fifth & sixth graders will be holding a Grilled Cheese Fundraiser. Starts at 4:30 p.m. Fund raising for trip to Boston.
- Dave Schilling has been hired as Principal.
- Ski program starts this week may need to cancel due to weather.

d. **Student Report** –Megan Walker, Heidi Cookson

- Just returning from winter break.

**Board Discussion**

a. FY16 Budget – Draft #4 Highlights

- .81% increase budget to budget. 6% tax rate increase.
- Dental rates decreased 6.6%
- Unemployment rates decreased.
- Insurance changes that better reflect
- Tech Center numbers were finalized. 11.5 FTE. Increase to the budget.
- Principal and Maintenance position changes to reflect future salaries.
- Professional services, books, supplies. Thinned out requests.
- Proposal for personnel reductions to meet the tax budget:
  - Eliminate 1.0 FTE Design Tech position

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- Eliminate sixth grade position
  - Combine sixth seventh and eighth grade (expand Middle School)
  - Reduce High School Social Studies and English to .62 FTE each.
  - \$20,000 cost for drainage project. Jackie proposed taking project out of the budget and add it as an extra item for the town to vote on.
  - \$5,000.00 reduction in proposal to paint the High School due to lower bids.
  - The Board discussed the challenges of reducing positions. They asked the administration to review Middle School plan.
- b. Budget Forum Plan and Date
- Scheduled School Board meeting for Monday, January 12, 2015 to go over next draft of budget. Budget Forum will be held one Wednesday, January 14 at 6:00p.m. and WNESU Board meeting will be held immediately following the budget meeting.
- c. Facility Committee Next Steps
- Polly Wheeler said next assessment would be done by the end of the week. Will schedule meeting once more information is received.
- d. Announced Tuition
- Recommended keeping the tuition rate at \$17,000.00 for both elementary and secondary.
- e. School Choice
- Nancy shared information regarding the Winooski Valley Regional Public School Choice Collaborative. She recommended continuing with the same number of slots as last year: accept no more than 7 students and send no more than 7 students.

## **Board Action**

- a. Approve Announced Tuition
- Chris made a motion to keep tuition rate at \$17,000. Ry seconded the motion. Tuition rate of \$17,000.00 approved.
- b. Set School Choice Enrollment
- Sharon made a motion to join Winooski Valley Regional Public School Choice Collaborative and accept no more than 7 students and send no more than 7 students. Chris seconded the motion. Proposal for school choice enrollment approved.

## **Executive Session –**

- Board went into executive session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss incoming principal's contract.
- The Board came out of executive session at 8:14 p.m. Chris moved and Jackie seconded approval to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for a one year contract for David Schilling. Approved

**Adjournment** - 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber