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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, June 1, 2015**

**Cabot School Library**

**PRESENT:** Chris Tormey, Jackie Folsom, Lisa Olson, Ry Hoffman, Sharon O'Connor.

**Administrators:** Gail Curtis, Principal; Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Christina Kimball,

Business Manager **Student Representatives:** Gage Sironi, Heidi Cookson **Absent:** Dave Schilling, Megan Walker

**Call to Order** Chris Tormey, Chair called meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda**

Approve May 18, 2015 Minutes: Ry Hoffman moved to approve the May 18<sup>th</sup> minutes pending amendments (Change Jack to Jackie). Lisa Olson seconded the motion. Minutes approved pending amendments.

**Reports**

a. **Superintendent Report** - Nancy Thomas

- Pete's office is flooding again is coming from a new spot, the gym, middle school and the special education offices are leaking.
- Cabot Community Association has worked with Dave to put together a Mountaineers Trip. Mark Christensen has volunteered to drive the bus for free. There will be a 50/50 raffle to help pay for gas and the rest will benefit the athletics program. The trip is scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>.

b. **Principal Report** – Gail Curtis

- Students have completed Science NECAP testing.
- The 5/6 went on a trip to Boston last Friday.
- The 3/4 class will visit the birth place of Calvin Coolidge this week.
- Gail has created end of year checklists for teachers.

c. **Student Report** - Heidi Cookson, Gage Sironi

- Graduation is 11 days away.
- Baccalaureate is June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Graduation is June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.
- Middle School Graduation is Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
- Heidi and Gage are senior class co-valedictorians.
- Senior X wrapped up last week and all presentations are finished.
- June Term is underway.

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### Board Discussion

#### a. Audit Bids

- Christina recommends that WNESU, Cabot, Twinfield continue to use Mudgett, Jennett and Krogh-Wisner, P.C. for another 3 fiscal year term.
- This firm returns audit in a timely manner.
- With this new contract a new team will be sent for the audit.

#### b. Review High School Painting Bids:

- Business office has received a total of 4 bids and reference checks have been done.
- The bids ranged from \$20,000.00 - \$39,000.00
- It is recommended that Travis Hodgkins be selected for the High School painting. He had strong references and is Lead Paint Certified as well as carries workman's comp.
- Travis' bid is \$30,950.00 and \$30,000.00 is currently the amount budgeted.
- The board went into executive session to further discuss bids.

#### c. Review Facility Forum

The board will be conscious of community events when scheduling the next forum.

- They will schedule another forum for June and then will work on more planning throughout the summer.
- There will be a starting time and ending time for the forum.
- The next forum will be scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### d. Financial Report

- The net is looking at a deficit of approximately \$40,000.
- Still falling short on tuition students. Losing a total of \$69,000.00 in revenue.
- Still waiting on reimbursement from flooding insurance claims.

#### e. H361 and Collaboration Discussions

- On June 9<sup>th</sup> the Cabot and Twinfield School boards will meet to go over the information for H361 more in depth and will discuss future collaboration options.
- Legislation goal is to provide substantial equity in the quality and variety of educational opportunities.
- With the big decrease in student numbers and change in student demographics there is currently less equity across the state in the quality and variety of educational opportunities.
- Legislation's goal is to lead students to meet or exceed the quality standards.
- Maximize operational efficiencies through greater flexibility to manage, share, transfer resources with a goal of increasing district level student to staff ratio. Over the years there has been a decline in students by 20% but no reduction in staff.
- Promote transparency and accountability and deliver it across the parents, tax payers, voters' values. Make clear what the school districts and state are providing.
- Preferred structures are looking at a school district/educational district of at least 900.

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- The law allows for an alternative structure as long as it meets certain criteria. This includes going through an Educational Quality Review. Must meet standards and have an average daily membership of at least 1100.
- In 3 years if school districts haven't merged they will need to submit paperwork stating that they have met criteria.
- The Agency of Education then would look to combine districts that have not yet merged to meet the criteria.
- Small Schools Grants will continue if you participate in a merger.
- There will be incentives for a merger. Tax reduction of 10 cents the first year and 8 cents the second year.

## **Board Action**

- a. Add Dave Schilling and Betty Ritter to student activities account list.
  - Chris moved to approve the addition of Dave Schilling and Betty Ritter to student activities account. Ry Hoffman seconded the motion. Addition approved.
- b. Act on Audit Bids
  - Chris moved to approve the recommendation of continuing with Mudgett, Jennett and Krogh-Wisner P.C. for another 3 fiscal year term. Lisa Olson seconded the motion. Recommendation approved.
- c. Act on High School Painting Bids
  - Chris moved to approve the bid of Charles Talbert for the High School Painting Bid. Lisa Olson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Executive Session** – Board went into executive session at 7:15 p.m. to further discuss the painting bids. The board came out of executive session at 7:27 p.m.

**Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber