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CABOT SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 19, 2015

Chris Tormey's House

PRESENT: Chris Tormey, Sharon O'Connor, Jackie Folsom, Ry Hoffman, Lisa Olson **Administrators:** David Schilling, Principal; Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Christina Kimball, Business Manager; Pat Knoerl, Curriculum Director, Mark Tucker, Special Services Director

Call to Order Chris Tormey, Chair called meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Consent agenda:

Approve minutes of October 5, 2015. Chris moved and Sharon seconded approval of the minutes. Minutes approved.

Board Discussion

- The Board asked Dave to report on his impressions of the first 2 months of the year and asked what they could do to support him. Ry shared the very positive responses he has heard from parents and community members about the school and David's leadership. The Board members expressed their appreciation for his hard work.
- The Board discussed next steps with the Act 46 merger discussions. Following up on the interest that the Danville Board expressed, the Cabot Board is inviting the Danville Board to meet at the November 2, 2015 meeting at Cabot School.
- Nancy and Christina shared more information and examples of possible financial impact of Act 46 cost containment limits and different models for serving 3 year olds next year under Act 166. The Board discussed that and other budget challenges. The administration will present a first draft of the 2017 budget and a draft facility plan at the next meeting.
- Changes to the insurance options in FY 2018 were discussed and the impact on negotiations for the coming year.

Executive Session:

The Board entered executive session at 8:40 pm for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations. The Board came out of executive session at 9:00 pm. No action taken.

Board Discussion

- The Board continued its discussion of ways to support David and the school. Suggestions included: hosting a reception for Ellen Bryant Voigt, Cabot resident and recent recipient of the MacArthur "Genius" Award, hosting principal/board member "teas", helping with a Report Night that could highlight proficiency based work, do a staff survey asking what the board can do to support their work.

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Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Thomas, Superintendent