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**CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 3, 2015**  
**Cabot School Library**

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

**Call to Order** Chris Tormey, Chair called meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda**

Approve January 19, 2015 Minutes: Chris made a motion to approve minutes as written. Ry seconded. Minutes approved as written.

**Reports**

a. **Student Report-** Megan Walker

- Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser will be held on February 15, 2015.
- Ski Program has started. It was cold but fun.
- Presentation for Cultural Anthropology: Native American Civilizations. Students presented information about Native American Civilizations to children in the younger grades.
- Megan expressed interest in Big Huskies, Little Huskies Mentoring Program.

b. **Principal Report** – Gail Curtis

- Winter Chorus Performance on Tuesday February 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
- During School Ski Trip Day there are other options available for students who don't wish to go. These options include bowling and swimming.
- Piano Dilemma: Being given to the school for free but it needs to be moved. May cost up to \$800.00. Looking at putting on a dance and using the money that is raised for the moving expenses.

c. **Superintendent Report** –Nancy Thomas

- LIS School Networking Conference was great. Cabot will be a recipient of the Next Generation Grant as well as the Community Engagement Grant. This additional support will help with moving toward personalized learning. There were three schools in VT that were chosen for the Next Generation Grant. Twinfield and Cabot are included in that number.
- Rebecca Holcombe (Secretary, Agency of Education) is visiting on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00. Will share with her the great things that are going on at Cabot as well as challenges regarding the facilities.
- Yesterday was Cabot's 5<sup>th</sup> Snow day.

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Presentation- Math Curriculum Planning, Assessment and Resources

- Pat shared information about the current status of the math curriculum as well as some resources available to teachers.
- Smarter Balance (SBAC) is replacing the NECAP. Preparations are going on now.
- Pat surveyed new staff and teachers regarding the mentoring program. For the most part all new teachers feel like they receive wonderful support from administrators and co-workers.

**Board Discussion**

- a. Budget Information Session, February 16, Planning
  - The first hour of the next meeting will be the Budget Information Session
  - Highlights of Budget changes from one year to the next FY 15 – FY 16.
  - Equalized Pupil, ADM, all put together on a chart.
  - Reflect on previous years goals and progress on them.
  - Context slides in terms of cost per pupil and tax rates to neighboring towns.
  - Comparative test scores between Cabot and other neighboring schools
  - Tracking Tax rate in town over time, Budgets, Cost per pupil, Education Spending
  - SAT scores in comparison to state average.
  - Shift in Pete Ackerman's position and what that will look like.
  - Slide of the new block schedule for Humanities. Gail will prepare the visual schedule.
  - Put an article in Chronicle about changes and making the point that student progress and support will not be short-changed. Dave will draft the article for the Chronicle.
  - Barre Tech Students will be taken care of in regards to English.
  - Spaghetti Dinner Scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> Dinner will be from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Chris: present information about Common Core and SBAC. School Board will convene for a meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- b. February 4 Facility Committee Meeting Planning
  - First meeting will be a discussion with architects about
- c. Policy F3 Search and Seizure by School Personnel
  - The board reviewed the Policy, Procedures and Checklist
- d. Use of Gym and Memorandum of Understanding
  - The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between Trinity Recreation Club, LLC, Cabot School and Washing Northeast Supervisory Union.
  - Twenty –Five percent of participant registration fees collected by Trinity Recreation will be contributed to Cabot School.
  - Jackie suggested that there be some sort of auditing done to make sure Cabot is truly receiving 25% of fees brought in.
  - Each year the memorandum of understanding should be reviewed and approved by the board.

**Board Action**

- a. Approve Policy F3 Search and Seizure by School Personnel Policy
  - Jackie made a motion to approve Policy F3 Search and Seizure by School Personnel Policy as written. Sharon seconded the motion. Policy approved as written.

**Executive Session:** Board went into executive session at 8:07 p.m., returning at 8:15 p.m.

**Adjournment** - 8:17 p.m.