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CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 21, 2015

Cabot School Library

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

Administration: Dave Schilling, Principal; Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; **Student**

Representatives: Alisha Celley and Megan Walker; **Absent:** Isabella McCallum

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

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve September 14, 2015 Minutes – Chris moved to approve the minutes as written, Lisa seconded. Minutes approved as written.

Reports

- a. **Student Report** – Megan Walker, Alisha Celley

- Megan and Alisha reported on the beginning of school

- b. **Principal Report** – Dave Schilling

- School is going well. School feeling calm now with classes settling in. He is working on lack of study hall space and teacher assignments. Organizing based on students' changes in their schedules. X-day: Cabot and Twinfield are working closely and have created 8 offerings for students in both schools. They are figuring out locations. Students taking AP Bio and AP Calc will have labs on those days.
- Elementary is settling in. The new teachers in 5/6 are establishing good classroom norms. They are developing 2 year content loops and creating a bridge with middle school.

Board Discussion

Jackie asked that fund raising procedures be brought to the Board before trips are designed and fund-raising starts.

- a. Second Reading Revised Policy F30 Prevention of Harassment, Hazing and Bullying of Students

- Jackie has asked for information from the VSBA regarding the requirement for school districts to pay for independent review. It is required in statute and the VSBA will research how frequently the independent reviews have been done.

- b. Physical Education Alternative Credit

- Dave brought a process for application, approval, and documentation of performance indicators for attainment of 1.0 PE credit. The Board discussed the value of the flexible

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pathways, including a variety of sports and physical activities such as dance and gymnastics. The Board discussed the move to Proficiency Graduation Requirements that administration will be bringing to the Board later this year. Ry pointed out that many other high schools offer this option for PE and for many electives.

c. Early Retirement Options

- The Board discussed whether or not to offer early retirement/career change options, and if so, how many slots.

Executive Session

The board went into executive session at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiation issues. The Board came out of executive session at 7:43 pm. No action.

The board went into executive session at 7:45 for a student matter. The Board came out of executive session at 8:15. No action.

Board Action

a. Policy F30 Prevention of Harassment, Hazing and Bullying of Students

- Chris moved adopt Policy F30, Ry seconded. Policy F30 Approved.

b. Physical Education Alternative Credit

- Ry moved and Chris seconded the proposal to approval the Alternative credits for PE. The Board approved the process for up to 1.0 of the 1.5 PE credits needed.

c. Early Retirement Options

- Chris moved to offer 2 slots for the FY17 school year. Jackie seconded the motion. Motion Approved

Adjournment The Board adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Thomas, Transcriber