

“Unapproved”
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 28, 2023
Cabot School – In person & Zoom
6:00 p.m.

Call to order by Ellen Cairns

In attendance: Ellen Cairns, Frank Kampf, Erica Fucello, Jason Monaco, Chris Tormey, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principal Rebecca Tatistcheff, Director of Finance Michael Concessi

Public Comment: None

Addition to Agenda: Appoint alternate to the CCSU Board

A **motion** to add the above to the agenda Frank Kampf and seconded by Erica Fucello. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda:

Meeting Minutes from

- July 24, 2023

A **motion** to approve the minutes by Frank Kampf and seconded by Jason Monaco. Motion passed.

Student Report – no report

Principal Report – Becca was present to highlight a few items.

- Playground construction has started.
- School is underway.

Becca touched on the daily rotations for students. Electives can now be chosen on a quarterly basis.

Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker was present to highlight a few things from the report.

- Mark will be taking medical leave. Anne Landry will be acting Superintendent.
- PCB testing – no corrective action plan for Cabot yet. Mark has been following up with the consulting engineer. Mark shared some thoughts on what he believes might have to happen.
- School Safety Policies – SU adopted them.
- Mark Mooney is researching the Emergency Action Plans. Waiting on State for their plans.
- Project Aware – Mental Health Programs for Schools Grant. SU was one of three to be approved.

Board and Mark further discussed what the PCB remediation could potentially look like depending on what comes back in the corrective action plan. Plan should provide cost estimates for the options that will be presented.

Student Service Report – Discussion on whether any open positions affect Cabot? Yes, any position that could not be hired is now a contracted service. We do not know yet how that affects the budget.

Nominate Alternate SU Board Member – Ellen Cairns nominated Erica Fucello to serve as alternate, Chris Tormey seconded. Motion passed.

Board Discussion

FY22 Audited Financial Statement – Michael Concessi was present to go over the FY22 Audit. Everything ended as expected.

Michael went over where FY23 is looking to end. Expenses were over budget (Spec Ed & Facility were over budget). Looks like FY23 will have a deficit close to \$70,000.

Discussion on if Cabot needs to hire another custodial position. Fuel oil was the main overage in the facility line. Fuel oil was needed since the wood chip plant was out of commission.

Collaboration Opportunities with Twinfield and Danville – Ellen has not met yet with the board chairs with the other two schools.

Points being looked at - Co-Curricular Activities, Collective Bargaining Agreement (sharing staff), Cross Registration (students could take classes between the schools).

Sports teams are already collaborating and merging. Transportation is an issue with collaboration.

Mark Tucker would like to see the board chairs start moving towards and looking at collaborating across the areas noted above. It will be important for the communities to feel comfortable with the collaborations and support it.

Erica noted the community/parents are already having some questions and confusion around the sports collaboration. More information to the parents would be useful.

Board discussion on the anxiety that students feel when being introduced to new teams in collaboration.

Board Goal Setting – Goal/vision statement from last year was to collaborate with the other two schools. Will continue to work on.

Erica noted the importance of the board always communicating with community.

Future Meetings: Cabot Regular Meeting: Monday, September 25th, 2023

A **motion** to adjourn by Chris Tormey and seconded by Erica Fucello. Motion passed.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted, Nicky Cole