

“Approved”
**CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 23, 2023
Cabot School – In person & Zoom
6:00 p.m.**

Call to order at 6:05 pm by Ellen Cairns

In attendance: Ellen Cairns, Frank Kampf, Erica Fucello, Jason Monaco, Chris Tormey, Acting Superintendent Anne Landry, Principal Rebecca Tatistcheff, Superintendent Mark Tucker

Addition to Agenda:

- Student Rep Report

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

Consent Agenda:

Meeting Minutes from

- September 25, 2023

A **motion** to approve the minutes with addition to facility discussion section by Chris Tormey and seconded by Frank Kampf. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Principal Report – Becca was present. Some points highlighted

- Continue to work on out of school learning opportunities.
- Moved to a semester system from a trimester system.
- Student led conferences are on Friday.
- Moving to a gradebook system.
- Playground update – drainage system under the old playground is being repaired/updated.
- Heating has been a challenge – new pump was installed – wired incorrectly, it was fixed.

Superintendent Report –

Annual snapshot from AOE released. Twinfield was flagged for some support needs. Des Hertz is looking into support for these areas.

Student Service Report –

Implementing rule changes for Act 173. Looking for a School Psychologist. SLP for Cabot – interviewing – have a good candidate.

David (public) – gave a recommendation on where to look for a School Psychologist.

Student Rep Report – Shianne & Jacob – Points highlighted

HS Update –

- Rise – one unit finished. Currently working on different social movements.
- Chemistry of Color – different sections of periodic table.
- Banned Books
- Waters of Winooski – looking at the unmarked parts of the river. Note changes. Work on a flood prevention plan.
- Senior X – two groups. Working on career choice packets.
- Immigration/Migration – colonization of Southern America.

Board Discussion

School Infrastructure and Gym Remediation Projects – Mark Tucker shared talking points with a presentation. Options to fully replace gym roof, sandblast or seal, or remove building completely leaving a footprint to build something new. The cost for a new building from the action plan provided by DEC was 3.5 million. Mark does not believe that would be the case but would need to research. Also, it is unknown how much the State will pay. Demolition is covered along with helping with a new structure. Need clarification on the pcb remediation funds that will be available.

Becca noted the importance of looking at a long-term solution that is sustainable.

Discussion on flipping the campus. Becca noted it would be a good idea to flip the campus and then the elementary would have a permanent campus.

Question on if a Unified High School is in the future? Mark noted that under current statute all 3 communities would have to agree to the process of becoming a unified district with a Regional HS.

Board discussion on the option of tearing the gym building down, sandblast and seal or new roof. Need to find out the financial constraints. Mark will find out what funds will be available from the remediation funds.

Also look at costs of flipping the campus. Ellen would like more information on what that looks like so the board can make some decisions.

Discussion on equalized pupils and how it will impact the budget for FY25. Will not have an idea until December.

Thought on if Cabot builds a new building, could it be for an elementary school only?

Ellen would like to have a write-up regarding the Cabot gym options that can be published. Chris will write something up.

VSBA Resolutions (Discussion/Vote)

Resolutions are created by school districts and brought to the VSBA – 9 resolutions on the table. Board recommendations -

1,2,3 - Do Not Pass

4 -Take no action.

5 - Recommend Pass

6 - Recommend Pass

7 - Recommend Pass

8 - Take no action

9 - Do Not Pass

A **motion** to recommend the above to voting member Mark Kaufman by Ellen Cairns and seconded by Erica Fucello. Motion passed.

Review of Policies: (Discussion) – Tabled until the next meeting.

- D8- Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace
- F7- Student Alcohol and Drugs
- C18-Student Self-Expression Flags
- G13- Animal Dissection
- B3 - Board Conflict of Interest
- CB001- Community Service

Future Meeting: Cabot Regular Meeting: Monday, November 27th, 2023

A **motion** to adjourn at 8:17 pm by Frank Kampf and seconded by Erica Fucello. Motion passed.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted, Nicky Cole