

“Unapproved”
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 24, 2022
Cabot School – In person & Zoom
6:00 p.m.

Call to order at 6:01 PM by Rory Thibault

In attendance: Chris Tormey, Rory Thibault, Ellen Cairns, Frank Kampf, Jason Monaco, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principal Rebecca Tatistcheff, Student Reps - Eryne Searles & Lyndsay Maxfield

Member of Public: None present

Consent Agenda:

Meeting Minutes from

- September 26, 2022

A **motion** to accept the minutes by Ellen Cairns and seconded by Jason Monaco. Motion passed. Frank abstained.

Student Report – Classes highlighted

- Chemistry of Soap – using basic chemistry along with business tools. Will be making soap and selling it.
- Pirates – History class with the era of Pirates being studied.
- Where’s Walden – finished the hike and writing nature pieces. Then will do peer reviews and final projects.
- Rockets Class – making paper rockets and bottle rockets and learning about the physics behind it.
- After school – Middle School and High School students are leading groups of younger students. Sports groups, Gardening group, Robotics group, Crafty stitchers club, Hiking club

Principal Report – some points noted

- 8th Graders are continuing the leadership group.
- Kindergarten students are working on a teddy bear project.
- 1st & 2nd graders are learning about the sun, moon, and stars.
- Working on kindness and respect.
- Contractor that is working on the playground is finalizing plans.

Chris Tormey had a question on Restorative Process. Becca gave an example of how issues are being handled. There is still discussion on having a community event to explain the Restorative Process. Board question on if there was going to be a survey going out still. Question on student led conferences. Is it possible for a parent/guardian to meet without the student present? Yes.

Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker was present to answer any questions on the Superintendent report.

Question on if Cabot has any open positions? Yes.

Student Service Report – no discussion

Board Discussion

PCB testing – Source testing was done to figure out where the airborne PCBs are coming from. New airborne samples were taken in the gymnasium/stage and the art room/storage room in Building 4a, and the airborne levels are lower than what they were in August. In August, the ventilation system had been off since June. Gym is open again, but PE will stay outside for now since it is going so well outside. Still need to find the source of the pcb and resolve it. Should be able to get 80% of cost paid for by the State, this does not include any work needed for remediation. Source testing results should be back in the next couple of weeks. Rory Thibault noted that the VSA stated that Mark Tucker has done a great job navigating this process and they are glad that our schools have good leadership as Cabot goes through this. Mark noted that the Dept of Education has been very responsive and is working on correspondence for the community.

School Board Vision Statement – The school board looked over the statement and Rory noted the changes that have been made and the board noted a few other changes to be made.

A **motion** to approve the Vision Statement as amended by Chris Tormey and seconded by Ellen Cairns. Motion passed.

School Playground – Designer is bringing forward a plan. Need to decide on funding for the project. The playground with materials and labor comes in around \$100k. The school will be looking for donations for the materials and labor. Possibly ask the selectboard if there are any available funds. The school board/school will first check with the community to see what portion of items could be donated for materials and labor. Need to reach out and involve the community. Board will put a timeline and initial plan together.

Updates from CCSU Board Meeting –

- Nursing protocols were adopted.
- In 2019 when the merger took place there was discussion on how to bill back non-allocated items. It was determined at 10% flat/even and then 45% by student count and 45% by staff. Cabot and TUS have benefited from the Food Service Director position and have not contributed to that position to date. That is looking to change along with removing the 10% flat and changing the split to 50/50. Does not affect Cabot to any degree – small change. Cabot board agrees with both of these changes.
- Danville School is looking at adding on/updating the school. Possibly looking at a new school.
- VSBA meeting took place at Lake Morey. Good breakout sessions. VSBA will have training on equity in schools. Business Meeting and Resolutions – Resolution drafted that when public funds are used, there needs to be an oversight of how those funds are spent.

Mark Tucker – There was a grant proposal to update air ventilation for Cabot. The grant was awarded. Efficiency Vermont is managing the project.

A **motion** to adjourn by Chris Tormey and seconded by Ellen Cairns. Motion passed.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Nicky Cole