

“Unapproved”
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, January 4, 2023
Cabot School – In person & Zoom
6:00 p.m.

Call to order at 6 :05 PM by Rory Thibault

In attendance: Rory Thibault, Ellen Cairns, Frank Kampf, Jason Monaco, Chris Tormey, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principal Rebecca Tatistcheff, Director of Finance Michael Concessi, Jody Emerson from CVCC

Public Comment - none

Consent Agenda: Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2022

A **motion** to accept the minutes by Chris Tormey and seconded by Frank Kampf. Motion passed.

Board Discussion

Central Vermont Career Center – Jody Emerson presented the CVCC budget. Some points highlighted

- Jody went over items that affect the budget. Student needs, State Regulations, Economy (supply costs).
- FY24 – tuition is \$12,501 - this is the District share after the State pays some of their costs directly
- Some budget factors are salaries being negotiated, increase in health costs, addition of two FTE teachers.
- Discussion on what students are interested in seeing added in as a trade/curriculum.
- Tuition is based on student count.
- Jody gave a breakdown of where the budget is split and showed the revenue sources that offset tuition.

Board discussion with Jody on giving as much information as possible regarding what voters will be voting for.

FY24 Budget – Michael Concessi presented the budget.

All State data that affects the budget are in. Cabot’s CLA dropped significantly and erased the gains coming from the higher Yield Rate.

Board discussion on the playground and funds needed. Discussion on having it voted on as a separate item at the town level. This was not taken up by the School Board, but Board members will discuss this with the town Selectboard.

Board discussion on whether maintenance budget line should be \$20,000 or \$40,000. Board decided on \$40,000.

A **motion** to approve the FY24 budget expenditure of \$3,620,061 by Ellen Cairns and seconded by Rory Thibault. Motion approved.

Mark Tucker pulled up the Cabot School Warning of the Annual Meeting and they made changes where needed. Discussion on where the voting will be held. Mark will confirm. Discussion on the presentation of the FY24 budget for Town Meeting and a way to allow voters to understand and see what their taxes would be.

A **motion** to approve the Warning for the 2023 Cabot School District subject to revision of voting location by Australian ballot by Rory Thibault and seconded by Chris Tormey.

Regional High School Choice for FY24 – Authorize continued participation and number of slots available.

A **motion** to continue with the current school choice number of 10 and authorize Mark Tucker to sign the agreements by Ellen Cairns and seconded by Frank Kampf. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: January 23, 2023

Future Agenda Items:

- Budget Information Discussion
- Set Informational Meeting Date

Board discussion on school climate survey that will be going out to families.

Mark Tucker – Application for School Heating Efficiency Program – received an approval to submit an application at the max grant amount of \$249k. Will work to do the application. Not a guarantee of receiving funds.

Renew America's Schools Grant – aimed at upgrading/replacing old heating systems. Application would need to come from the SU and do projects that fit into the grant category. If the SU received this, it would be a significant amount of money that could do updates at all the schools. Still getting clarity on this grant, waiting for some answers.

A **motion** to adjourn by Chris Tormey and seconded by Rory Thibault. Motion passed.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Nicky Cole