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**WNESU BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 19, 2015**

**Cabot School Library**

**PRESENT:** Chris Tormey, Jack Hoffman, Patrick Healy, Sharon O'Connor **Administrators:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Christina Kimball, Business Manager **Absent:** Jill Wilson, Ry Hoffman

**Call to Order:** Chris Tormey, chair called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda**

Approve September 17, 2015 Minutes – No action taken due to lack of quorum

Approve October 15, 2015 Minutes – Patrick moved to approve minutes as written. Jack seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

**Reports**

**Superintendent Report**– Nancy Thomas

- The federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA/Title I) is being reauthorized and congress has come to agreement.
- A meeting was held with parents about Act 166 (Universal Preschool) and there was a great turnout.
- Nancy attended the VSBA Negotiations training. It was interesting and informative.
- Nancy visited several of the X-day offerings today and it was great to see the students from both schools collaborating so well.
- The community engagement committee met today and came up with several new activities for Cabot. The committee will meet at Twinfield on Monday.

**Board Discussion**

a. Act 46 Proposals

- Studies have been submitted, Danville will be the fiscal agent for the Danville/Cabot study, WNESU will be the fiscal agent for Twinfield/Cabot study. We should hear results in 30 days.

b. FY17 Budget Draft #1 – Christina Kimball

- Christina shared WNESU FY17 budget draft #1 and highlights.
- Increases to teacher salaries are an estimate.
- There will be an overall increase of 7.9% to health insurance.
- There is an increase in staff and faculty taking health insurance.

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- In order to comply with Act 153, transportation and maintenance personnel were added to the budget.
  - The overall Supervisory Union budget increased 2%
  - Special Education – There is an increase in overall special services contracts. This includes one state placed contract.
  - School Board – There is an increase in legal services to reflect multiple negotiations for next year. There is an increase to liability insurance.
  - Special Services – There is a decrease in salaries due to the hiring of new staff. There is also a decrease in training expenses.
  - Operations – The maintenance and transportation director position was reclassified at the SU level.
  - There is an increase in rent for the SU office.
  - Transportation – The maintenance and transportation director position was reclassified and includes salary and benefits from Cabot and Twinfield.
- c. Transportation/ Maintenance Proposal
- Nancy proposed reclassifying Custodians and Bus Drivers to be employed by WNESU beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.
  - This will provide flexibility in assignments for both schools allowing us to move folks between the schools as needed.
  - The expense of maintaining and running buses will remain at the school level.

### **Board Action:**

- a. Approve Transportation/ Maintenance proposal – Patrick Moved to approve the Transportation/Maintenance proposal. Chris seconded the motion. Proposal approved.

**Executive Session:** The Board went into executive session at 8:23 pm. for a Personnel Issue. The Board returned from executive session at 8:30 p.m.

### **Executive Session Action**

The Board formed a committee to complete the superintendent's evaluation in January. Chris, Patrick, Sharon and Jack will be on the committee

**Adjournment:** Chris Tormey adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber