

# CABOT SCHOOL BOARD

## *SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES*

**Wednesday, January 2, 2008**

Present: Chris Tormey, Roman Kokodyniak, Mike Celley, Regina Quinn, George Burlison, David Larcombe

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Chris Tormey, Chair.
2. Board Discussion
  - a. **School Choice** - The Board discussed the Winooski Valley Region Public School Choice Collaborative Agreement for FY2009. The agreement allows for up to ten students from any of the collaborative high schools to go to another collaborative school at no costs. The sending school handles the costs and gets to count the student in their enrollment. When a student comes to a school through School Choice, they are allowed to stay there for the remainder of their high school education if they'd like to do so. Regina suggested that for FY2009, the school could take up to four students between the Freshman and Junior classes.  
  
*On a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Roman Kokodyniak the Board approved the Winooski Valley School Choice Collaborative Agreement for FY2009 (Cabot School will allow four students to enroll either in the Freshman and/or Junior classes).*
  - b. **FY2008-2009 Budget** - The Board discussed the budget for 2009, which David Larcombe had emailed to everyone. They went over the updates made since the last Board meeting including the additional cuts the Board asked George to make. Those cuts equaled approximately \$40,000, which would include personnel, programs and services.

### Executive Session

*The Board entered Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. on a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Roman Kokodyniak to discuss a personnel matter. So voted. The Board returned to open session at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Roman Kokodyniak. So voted.*

The Board continued to discuss the budget at length and where they wanted to go from here with it. They will leave the money in the bus sinking fund alone to only be used for a new bus when needed. We need to know how much of the \$40,000 worth of cuts you want out of the budget. The Board decided to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

**Executive Session**

***The Board entered Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. on a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Roman Kokodyniak to discuss a personnel matter. So voted. The Board returned to open session at 8:19 p.m. on a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Roman Kokodyniak. So voted.***

At this point, the Board decided to cut approximately \$18,000 of the \$40,000 (20% in Special Education personnel and the part-time custodial position that was new this year). George and David will work on the budget and firm up the figures discussed with the Board to have ready for approval at the next Board meeting on Monday, January 07, 2008.

3. **Board Action**

- a. On a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Roman Kokodyniak the Board approved the Grant Anticipation Note with Chittenden Bank in the amount of \$779,000 for the Woodchip Project. So voted.
- b. On a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Roman Kokodyniak the Board approved having the "T" put in (in the event they need to connect to the church or someone else). So voted.
- c. On a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Roman Kokodyniak the Board approved the Current Expense Note with Chittenden Bank for \$8,000 for the purchase of a Kubota BX2350 Tractor, a Kubota LA243 Loader, and a Kubota RCK54-23BX Mower Deck for Operations and Maintenance. So voted.

4. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Roman Kokodyniak the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Brickey  
Transcriber