

CABOT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 7, 2008

Present: Chris Tormey, Roman Kokodyniak, Mike Celley, Gemma Yamamoto, Tim Gochey, Regina Quinn, George Burlison, David Larcombe, Cecilia Gulka, Lori Augustyniak and several community members

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chris Tormey, Chair.

2. Public Comment

Several community members came to the Board to discuss basketball and the fact that they were very unhappy that the season was currently suspended due to the alleged incident involving a couple of students on the last basketball trip.

Chris said it is their job as a Board to listen to what the public has to say. We are very confident in the policies that we have set-up and in the staff we have to carry out those policies. At this point, Chris believes their role, as a Board is to allow the Administration to follow the proper procedures according to our policies.

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. on a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Roman Kokodyniak to discuss a student matter. So voted. The Board returned to open session at 7:15 p.m. on a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Roman Kokodyniak. So voted.

After executive session to discuss this matter, Board decided not to act on this situation at this time. The Administration will act on this matter tomorrow as warranted. The team will begin practicing again tomorrow or Wednesday. We support the course of action the Administration has taken. In terms of student discipline as a whole, you have to have some leeway in terms of what an Administrator does to handle a given situation that may never have occurred before. What Regina has done was well within her range of possibilities in dealing with a situation like this. The policies in our school are reviewed regularly. If the community or students want to be a part of the reviewing of policies, we go through them every couple of years and their input is always welcomed. The Board thanked the community and students for joining them.

3. Board Discussion

a. **FY2008-2009 Budget** - The Board continued their discussion on the budget for FY2009. David Larcombe emailed the most recent updates to everyone. The

Board reviewed the updates that were made since the last Board meeting. There was much discussion. The Board gave their final approval for the FY2009 budget in the amount of \$3,327,366. This is a 4.9% expenditure increase, 6.72% equalized pupil increase, 9.2% tax rate increase, resulting in \$108 tax increase on \$100,000.

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. on a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Tim Gochey to discuss a personnel matter. So voted. The Board returned to open session at 9:37 p.m. on a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Tim Gochey. So voted.

4. **Board Action**

a. On a motion by Roman Kokodyniak, second by Chris Tormey the Board approved the budget for FY2009 in the amount of \$3,327,366. So voted.

5. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Tim Gochey the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Brickey
Transcriber