

## CABOT SCHOOL BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, June 4, 2007**

Present: Sharon Carpentier, Gemma Yamamoto, Chris Tormey, Tim Gochey, Dr. Frank Mellaci, George Burlison, Regina Quinn, Jeremiah Breer

1. Meeting was called to order by Chris Tormey, Chair at 6:12 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. The minutes of May 21, 2007 were approved on a motion by Tim Gochey, second by Sharon Carpentier. So voted.
3. Public Comment

There was no public comment this evening.
4. Student Report: Jill Ackermann & Jeremiah Breer  
Jeremiah reported that everyone is wrapping up for the end of the year. The students had a great time on the New Orleans/Mississippi trip. They experienced the culture and helped people by putting up sheetrock, etc. They will do a presentation on Monday, June 11th at 7 p.m. in the Information Center. Green-Up Day went well. The Board said things looked nice after all the work everyone did.
5. Principal's Report: Dr. Frank Mellaci
  - a. **8th Grade Graduation** will be on Friday, June 8th at 6 p.m.
  - b. **12th Grade Graduation** will be on Friday, June 15th at 7 p.m.
  - c. **Water Issue** - Floors in Julia Hewitt's room should be repaired by the end of the week. They had to remove the tiles and replace them.
  - d. **Community Service Award** - The annual Community Award was discussed with the Board. The Board discussed different candidates and made their final decision/recommendation, which will be brought to the Selectboard.
6. Superintendent's Report: George Burlison
  - a. **Summer Meeting Schedule** - The Board discussed what their meeting schedule would be for this summer. They decided on no meetings for the month of July (unless necessary) and one meeting in August.
  - b. **Insurance (General and Catastrophic)** - David Larcombe will come to the next Board meeting to speak on this issue.
  - c. **Gym Roof Repairs** - The legislature has basically said there will be no more state aid for the foreseeable future. An alert went to all schools stating, "*Clarification of School Construction Aid Suspension - The commissioner of education shall not accept, review, or act on any applications for state aid under chapter 123 of Title 16 submitted after March 7, 2007 unless, prior to March 7,*

*2007, the electorate voted funds or authorized bonds, and thereafter all periods for reconsideration of the vote have expired, except for those projects..."* George recommends that the Board give

serious consideration to repairing the gym roof rather than replacing it. We'll be paying for it all on our own with no state aid so it would be much less expensive to repair it for now. The Board asked George to cost out with local and larger contractors the cost of replacing vs repairing the gym roof and bring that information back to the next Board meeting.

- d. **Highland Lodge** - The year-end luncheon sponsored by the School Board will be on Thursday, June 14th at 1 p.m. at the Highland Lodge. All staff, faculty, coaches, subs are invited to attend but need to RSVP to Joanna Brickey at the Superintendent's Office by June 8th.

7. Board Discussion

- a. **Maintenance & Transportation Job Description** - George told the Board that Jeff Haggett has decided to take a position at another school so he will be leaving at the end of June. The Board discussed his current job description and whether or not to change it or the title. After lengthy discussion, the Board decided to keep the job description and title as is with a minor correction.

The Board also decided to add a half-time custodial position for the 2007-2008 year. George will have the office advertise for this position in our local newspapers.

- b. **Board Seat Vacancy** - Sharon informed the Board that she was resigning her Board position as of June 30, 2007. (see Board action) The Board would like us to advertise in our usual newspapers, etc.
- c. **School Board Goals FY2008** - The Board reviewed and discussed their School Board goals for FY2008. Some of the areas that they may want to encompass include: governance, facilities, quality programming, communication and outreach. They will discuss their goals further at the next Board meeting.
- d. **Chairs** - Tim Gochey discussed our lack of seating for events such as graduation, etc. so we have to rent or borrow chairs that may not be in the best shape or mismatched. Why can't we invest in our own decent chairs that we can use when we have these events? Tim will look into the costs of getting some chairs.

8. Board Action

- a. On a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Tim Gochey the Board accepted the resignation of Jeff Haggett, Coordinator of Operations and Maintenance for the 2007-2008 school year with deep regret. 3 - Yes, 1 - Abstention.
- b. On a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Tim Gochey the Board accepted the resignation of Isaac Demers, Teacher for the 2007-2008 school year with deep regret. 3 - Yes, 1 - Abstention.
- c. On a motion by Chris Tormey, second by Tim Gochey the Board accepted the resignation of Sharon Carpentier as School Board member for the 2007-2008 school year with deep regret. 3 - Yes, 1 - Abstention.
- d. On a motion by Sharon Carpentier, second by Chris Tormey the Board approved giving George Burlison, Superintendent permission to hire persons for open positions that have been recommended by the hiring committees during the summer months when the Board does not meet. So voted.

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Sharon Carpentier, second by Tim Gochey the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanna Brickey  
Transcriber