

Cabot/Danville/Twinfield Act 46 Study Committee (706)
Thursday, January 5, 2017
Cabot School Library
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Present: Chris Tormey, Ry Hoffman, Scott Harris, Bruce Melendy, Jack Hoffman, Lauren Cleary, Sarah Watkins, David Towle **Administrators:** Nancy Thomas, Superintendent WNESU; Mathew Forest, Superintendent CCSU; Karen Graham Hoffman.

Call to Order: Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:13pm.

Public Comment: Lauren briefly discussed some questions and concerns that have arisen in the Twinfield community. Lauren also requested that an agenda or talking points handout be ready for those who wish to attend public forums. The handouts will be available electronically as well as in paper copy.

Consent Agenda:

December 12 Meeting Minutes – Bruce Melendy moved to approve the minutes as written. Chris Tormey seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Community Forum Planning:

a. Every Day Democracy – Sue McCormack

- Sue McCormack shared a brief overview of the training that was held earlier in the day at Cabot. Students as well as adults from Danville and Cabot attended a training that will prepare them for upcoming public forums about Act 46.
- The Cabot Public Forum will be held on January 11th and the Danville Public Forum will be held on January 23th, Twinfield Public Forum will be held January 25.

Discussion:

a. Articles of Agreement and Report

- Peter Clarke, Consultant reviewed with the committee possible board representation configurations following a merger between Cabot, Twinfield and Danville.
- There are four possible configurations for the Board of School Directors Representation. The configurations are based on the 2010 Census.
- Proportional Model 1: Cabot 1 (20%), Danville 2 (40%), Marshfield 1 (20%), Plainfield 1 (20%).
- Proportional Model 2: Cabot 2 (25%), Danville 2 (25%), Plainfield 2 (25%), Marshfield 2 (25%).

- Proportional Model 3: Cabot 2 (22%), Danville 3 (33%), Marshfield 2 (22%), Plainfield 2 (22%).
 - Proportional Model 4: Cabot 3 (25%), Danville 3 (25%), Marshfield 3 (25%), Plainfield 3 (25%).
 - After discussion about the various models the committee agreed that proportional model 3 is the most equitable for board representation.
 - Bruce Melendy moved to approve proportional model 3 for board representation. Scott Harris seconded the motion. Seven committee members voted to approve proportional model 3 for board representation and one board member voted not to approve. This model is a nine member board with Cabot, Marshfield and Plainfield being represented by 2 members each and Danville being represented by 3 members.
- b. Set Future Meeting Dates
- 1/17/17, Twinfield Union School Library at 7:00pm.
 - 1/31/17, Cabot School Library at 6:00pm.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.