MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2016 BOARD OF EDUCATION
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board President Brian Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were school board members Donna Nash, Dean Martin, Mark Russell, Corey Williams, and Ricky Hill. Also in attendance were Dr. Tony Thurman, directors, community members, and media. Board member Sarah Owen was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the regular December meeting were approved as presented.

December financials were approved as presented.

RECOGNITION

School Board Recognition Month – The school board members were recognized for their dedicated service to our district and community.

National Board Certified Teachers - The following teachers were recognized for receiving their National Board Certification:

Stacy Cook – Westside Elementary

Jana Terrell – Southside Elementary

CHS Band Achievements – Band directors Joe Trusty, Kara Reynolds, and Rusty Hart recognized the Cabot High School Band for their outstanding achievements this marching season. The band received the following awards during the 2015 season:

Paragould Invitational Marching Contest:
1st Division – Percussion, Guard, Drum Major, & Band
2nd Place Visual in Division
2nd Place General Effect in Division
2nd Place Percussion
1st Place Guard in Class
Reserve Grand Champion for the entire contest

Lake Hamilton Power band Classic:
1st Division Band, Percussion, and Guard
1st place in class
Outstanding Musical Performance in Class
Outstanding General Effect in Class
Outstanding General Effect for Finals

Outstanding Visual Performance for Finals
Grand Champions for Finals

Region marching Assessment:
1st Division Superior Rating – Highest award at this event

Championship at the Rock:
1st Division Superior Rating
Finalist
Reserved Grand Champion

Drum Majors Jordan Hernandez, Sydney Calvert, and Kassidy Newton, Guard Captain Victoria Baty, and percussion section leader Ian Neiswender shared their experiences from this successful season.

CURRICULUM REPORT

Band Program Proposal – Joe Trusty shared the vision of the competitive marching band. They would like to be more active in the competitive marching band circuit. In this circuit, bands are judged on seven different elements and then are ranked in order according to scores. Most bands that are part of the competitive marching band circuit charge a fee to be a part of this band. The fee covers travel, food, music, entry fees, and copyright fees.

Gifted and Talented Technical Visit – Aaron Randolph reported that our gifted and talented technical visit was held on Wednesday, January 6. An ADE representative and a Wilbur Mills Co-op representative visited campuses and looked at our gifted and talented program. They shared very positive remarks regarding our program and were impressed with the support received from the school board and community.

After School Programs – Sherri Jennings, principal of Westside Elementary, presented information on their after school program, which is called Adventure Club. Students meet three days a week and work on STEM lessons and projects using what they have learned. Through this new program format, they have seen increased attendance, fewer behavior issues, new excitement for learning, and positive feedback from teachers and parents.

Georgia Chastain and Dawn Peeples, Middle School South and Middle School North principals, respectively, shared information on the after school programs offered at the middle level. The CMSS VIP Club expanded interventions and focused more on technology. Students attend a one hour lesson and rotate through to other classes each time to complete the entire rotation in four weeks. The ROARS VIP Club at CMSN is formatted like an ed camp, where students attend 15 to 20 minute sessions in each

room. Each rotation focuses on learning through games, technology, and other activities.

Superintendent's Report

Communications Presentation – Superintendent Symposium – Liz Massey provided an overview of the information she and Alan Wilbourn, public information officer for Fayetteville School District, presented at the Superintendent Symposium. They discussed dealing with the media when confronted with issues happening in the district.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Dr. Thurman provided an update on projects throughout the district. We are advertising for bids on the expansion projects at Eastside Elementary and Southside Elementary. Crews are working in the old Cabot Christian Learning Center building to prepare it for CLA. Once CLA has moved to this building, we will begin renovation to the old CLA building. The generator at CAO should be installed in about two weeks.

Gifted and Talented Newsletter – For information. The gifted and talented program will have a technical assistance visit on January 6th.

Tech News – For information.

Free and Reduced Lunch Percentages – For information.

Current Enrollment – For information.

Action

The board voted to approve the School Board Legal Liability proposal as presented. Motion by Ricky Hill, second by Donna Nash; passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

President

Secretary