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CABOT/DANVILLE/TWINFIELD Act 46 Study Committee (706)

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

PRESENT: Chris Tormey, Jack Hoffman, Ian Covey, Lauren Cleary, Sarah Watkins, Tim Sanborn, Dave Towle, Sandy Hauserman, Bruce Melendy, Scott Harris **Consultant:** Peter Clarke
Administrators: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent WNESU; Andrea Wasson, Special Services Coordinator CCSU

Call to Order: Chris Tormey, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Approval of Minutes- Approve September 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Dave Towle moved to approve the minutes of September 14th following an amendment (add quote from Peter Clarke). Chris seconded the motion. Minutes approved with amendment.

Public Comment: None

Discussion:

- Chris Tormey shared some highlighted comments and summarized what was discussed at the meeting last week.
- Chris also shared questions that the 706 Committee should work to answer: Is it in our collective interest to consolidate into one district? Will consolidating improve the education/opportunities available to our students, and be able to maintain much of what we now value in our schools?
- 1. What increased benefits for our students are we looking for, that consolidation might be able to provide?
 - a. Cabot: Get tech-ed back, Cabot already has a great facility for this; increase participants in sports and all extracurricular activities; improve literacy and math outcomes; improve professional development; support and mentoring for teachers; increase course offerings and the number of teachers.
 - b. Twinfield: Increase course offerings K-12; integrated science/language arts; more integrated arts K-12, 9-12; more AP offerings, K-12; more language offerings; larger peer groups; better college guidance and stronger relationships with colleges, career and college counseling, post-graduation planning; more opportunity for accelerated study for elementary grades; more opportunity for outdoor learning in grades K-12; more access to various providers, SLP, OT, PT, Psychologist, etc.; improvement of food-service and farm to school program; improve literacy and math outcomes;

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improved professional development, support and mentoring for teachers; increase parent group; continue facility improvements

- c. Danville: stronger K-12 music program; increase access to stronger arts programs; attract students who currently tuition their students outside of Danville as well as bringing in tuition students; increase community involvement within the school; more foreign language offerings; more Tech Ed offerings; more dual enrollment opportunities at the high school level; opportunity for increased diversity among the student population; strengthen sports team; sharing educators/ teachers among schools; get IB program up and running; improve literacy and math outcomes; improve professional development, support and mentoring for teachers.
- 2. How could consolidating provide those benefits?
 - Increase course offerings, common contract and share teachers across schools.
 - More discussion to follow
- Scott Harris suggested to the committee that in the future they may wish to approach discussions in a proactive manner: “How could this work?”

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber