Cabot School Sustainability Committee

Draft Minutes for May 26, 2026 Meeting 4:00-5:15 PM Cabot School Library

In attendance: Melissa Pratt, Shannon Ralston, Theresa Lay-Sleeper, Amy Richardson, Chris Tormey

1. Meeting called to order at 4:08 PM

2. **Draft minutes** of the May 6 meeting were reviewed and approved

3. **This afternoon's agenda** was reviewed and approved.

4. **Discussion**:

A. **School reform Legislation Status:**

Chris gave an update of H.955, which was approved by the Senate earlier Tuesday. The bill provides a framework for school districts to study the possible of merging voluntarily.

Timeline:

October 2026: Merger study Committee has first meeting (at present, Cabot has been placed in a study grouping with Danville, Peacham, Blue Mt, Oxbow and Thetford.)
Sept 2027: Study Committee completes its report on whether merger is advisable or not, and submits report to school boards.
March 2028: If committee has recommended merger, towns' voters vote on whether to merge or not.
July 1, 2029: Tentative date for new per-pupil "Education Opportunity Grant" funding formula goes into effect.

B. Update: Recent initiatives (Cabot Connects Outreach)

Chris contacted CCSU Supt. Matt Foster: a community member can serve as the new Cabot Connects "reporter" by serving as a "contracted employee" of the District.
Next steps: draft contract that Includes responsibilities, potential hours/ week , and salary, then send to SU office for approval.

C. June 9 BBQ logistics, planning :

- $500 available from budget for food
- sign up sheets circulated: Good commitment on Day- of help sheet, but need more folks to help with making up salads and cookies: Please consider pitching in !

D. Next meeting date set for Wed July 1 at 4:00 PM: On agenda: plan for forum on closing Cabot HS and tuitioning instead for 2027-28 school year

E. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM