Approved Minutes

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
PEACHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, February 5, 2024 – 5:30 pm

Call to Order by Cornelia Hasenfuss

Present: Cornelia Hasenfuss, Andra Hibbert, Alex Maclean, Dan Devine, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principal Sam McLeod, Mark Clough joined later in the meeting.

Member of public: Dianna Senturia

Addition to Agenda: Busing
A **motion** to add busing to the agenda by Alex Maclean and seconded by Andra Hibbert. Motion passed

Minutes from January 3, 2024, and January 16, 2024.

A **motion** to approve the minutes of January 3, 2024, by Andra Hibbert and seconded by Alex Maclean. Motion passed.

A **motion** to approve the minutes of January 16, 2024, by Dan Devine and seconded by Andra Hibbert. Motion passed.

Board Reports

Principal Report – Sam McLeod was present to highlight a few items

- Peer observation systems are still being worked on. Observations currently in-house will branch out within the district.
- Winter wellness activities have started. Students went to Burke.
- Planted micro greens and they are placed throughout the school. Getting an early start on the Peacham garden.
- A music concert is coming up at the Peacham Community Meeting House.
- School is hosting a luncheon for the PTF.
- No open positions.

Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker was present to answer any questions.

Board discussion with Mark Tucker regarding current legislative bills in regard to school choice.

Student Service Report – no discussion.

Board Discussion

Busing – Some thoughts shared

- The current plan is not sustainable.

- Alex is wondering if we could potentially drop the day-to-day bus service for next year and open the school up earlier in the day if needed for parents that need to get to work. Peacham could hire a bus for field trips etc.
- Mark will confirm with the current contract with Butler if Peacham can exit the contract due to performance.
- Discussed the importance of starting with a direct survey to parents to see how they feel about having no bussing.
- During the 3 months with no bussing this past year there were about 5-7 students that showed up around 7:15.

The board will continue to look at this and the options involved.

Informational Meeting – March 4th at 5:30 PM
For Town Meeting Day:
Cornelia will read the board letter, Sam McLeod will speak on the school, Mark Tucker will do the budget presentation. School goes first on Town Meeting Day.

VSBA Update – board discussion on the possible legislative change to the cap.

Superintendent Search – narrowed down to 2 candidates.

Public Comment – Dianna asked about the 5% cap and if the legislature is looking to take it away? Yes. The final decision should be coming out within the next week. With this possible change, the State is also looking to possibly give towns the option for a later voting date. This is to allow budgets to be reconsidered without having the cap in place. In Peacham's case, they might want to look at re-adding the afterschool program into the budget.

Discussion on Afterschool Grant funds – If grant funds become available, the SU would submit for the grant on behalf of all schools.

Act 74 – Sam wondered if any action on that bill had taken place? No, not yet.

A **motion** to adjourn by Mark Clough and seconded by Alex Maclean. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole