Unapproved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING
March 23, 2026

Call to Order by Chris Tormey

Present: Ellen Cairns, Chris Tormey, Melissa Pratt, Jason Monaco, Alicia Heber, Superintendent Matt Foster, Principal Steve Owens, Asst Superintendent Mike Moriarty
Cabot Residents

Add Executive Session
Add to board discussion the upcoming staff appreciation
A **motion** to approve the revised agenda by Ellen Cairns and seconded by Melissa Pratt. Motion approved.

Minutes for
March 12, 2026
A **motion** to approve the minutes by Melissa Pratt and seconded by Jason Monaco. Motion approved.

Public Comment -
Amy – F27 Policy – concerns over language regarding masks. Policy is not coming from the State – it is coming from the VSBA.
Public member – appreciates all the work Amy does regarding the risks of masks.

Reports

Principal Report – Steve was present to answer any questions.
Steve noticed some drainage issues that are flowing down to the school property. Wondering if it needs to be looked at. Will have Tommy look at it.
Observation was made by a new staff member that the community seems to grieve what the school used to be; it is time to appreciate the school for what it is now and becoming.

Superintendent Report – Matt and Mike were present to answer any questions.

Student Services – no discussion.

Cabot Resilience Hub (Discussion) - Laurie was present to speak on the resilience hub.
A resilience hub grant is given to communities to build resilience. Marshfield created a tool library that is available for community members. Cabot is applying at an entry level. Grant application is due March 31st and is being worked on. One year planning grant with some activities and workshops. A group will be created to make decisions on where the funding is spent.
The Cabot school board will decide who will represent the board.

Cabot Mentoring MOU (Discussion) - Tabled

Outreach from Twinfield School Board (Discussion) - Read the outreach from February 9.
Ellen thought it would be good to have a general conversation. Alicia noted it would be good to survey the community to see where their thoughts are at. A survey would be a good way to start involving the community. Twinfield has started conversations with U32. Chris recommended meeting with the

Twinfield and U32 boards so that there can be information to share with the community. Chris will reach out.

Act 73 Update: VT Legislature (Discussion) - Chris spoke on updates that he has. The state is asking schools to look at voluntary mergers, then mergers can be forced. Chris gave the timeline that the AOE is working on.

Ellen said she would start working on the survey; the sooner the community is engaged, the better. Alicia will work on the survey with Ellen. Will also work with the sustainability committee.

Staff Appreciation Conversation – Board went over what has been done in years past. Discussed plans and ideas for this year. Looking at the first week of May.

Proposed Executive Session in accordance with 1 V.S.A 313 (a)(3) Appointment, employment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee.

A **motion** to go into an executive session in accordance with 1 V.S.A 313 (a)(3) by Melissa Pratt. The recording stopped.

Out of the executive session.

Future Agenda Items:
Survey
Front porch forum post for CCA
Pick date for staff appreciation

Board discussion around the conservation trails committee. Discussion on sharing resources.

Future Meetings: Cabot Regular Meeting: Monday, April 27th, 2026

A **motion** to adjourn by Melissa Pratt and seconded by Chris Tormey. Motion approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole