

Unapproved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
CALEDONIA COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 10, 2025 - 6 PM

Call to Order by Superintendent Matt Foster
Reorganization of the Board

Board Members Present: Dana Maxfield, Bobbie Roy, Dan Gingue, Jay Miller, Bobbie Roy, Heather Mulligan, Brit Korsh, Superintendent Matt Foster, Ast Superintendent Mike Moriarty, Curriculum Director Des Hertz, Principal Chris Miller, Principal Anthony Fontana

Consent Agenda: Update on Principal search, Moment of silence to honor James Hemond

Board Chair: Bobbie Roy nominates Dan Gingue and seconded by Heather Mulligan.
Dan Gingue nominates Jay Miller and seconded by Dana Maxfield.
Heather asked both Jay and Dan their thoughts. Dan and Jay had spoken, and Jay has a vision for the board that Dan and the others support.
Roll call for nomination of Dan Gingue. Nomination did not pass.
Roll call for nomination of Jay Miller. Nomination passed.

Moment of Silence for James Hemond.

Vice Chair: Bobbie Roy nominates Dan Gingue and seconded by Dana Maxfield, Nomination passed.

Board Clerk: Bobbie Roy nominates Heather Mulligan and seconded by Dan Gingue.
Nomination passed.

3 CCSU Board Representatives: CCSU meets every other month.
Dan Gingue nominates Jay Miller, Dana Maxfield, Bobbie Roy and Heather Mulligan as the alternate and seconded by Dana Maxfield. Nominations passed.

Negotiations Council: Matt spoke on the council and the work that they do.
Dan Gingue will try to make the meetings.
Jay Miller nominates Dan Gingue and seconded by Bobbie Roy. Nomination passed.

Superintendent Evaluation Committee: Dan spoke on what the committee does.
Heather Mulligan nominates Bobbie Roy and seconded by Dana Maxfield. Nomination passed.

Signer of Warrants:
Jay Miller nominates Dan Gingue and seconded by Bobbie Roy. Nomination passed.

Alternate Signer of Warrants:

Dan Gingue nominates Heather Mulligan and seconded by Jay Miller. Nomination passed.

Authorize the Board Chair to Sign Contracts:

Does the board authorize the board chair to sign on behalf of the board. Yes.

Board member to conduct tuition student audits: Matt spoke on what this position involves. The person selected will review the vouchers that come in.

Dan Gingue nominates Heather Mulligan and seconded by Bobbie Roy. Nomination passed.

Regular Board Meeting Schedule: 2nd Monday of every month.

Annual Board Retreat: Usually falls in August. Will pick a date at the next board meeting.

Official Newspapers and Posting Locations: Caledonia Record, Schools, Town Clerk's Office and school websites.

Discuss and Adopt the Code of Ethics: Board will review and sign.

Communication Practices and Handling Complaints: Matt spoke on the current practice and the chain of command to follow for complaints. Also, Matt spoke on the board members and communication outside of the board meetings.

Public Input:

Jeremy (Waterford) - expressed interest in filling a board position.

The board will look at the process to fill the open seats. Board discussion on where to post the open board seats. There is one seat in Waterford and two seats in Walden.

Andrew – clarified information for the article regarding open board seats.

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- February 10th, 2025
- February 13th, 2025
- February 26th, 2025

These minutes will need to stay unapproved due to no quorum to approve them.

Superintendent's Report – Matt Foster and Mike Moriarty were present to highlight a few items:

- Strategic Planning Process – in the writing phase of the strategic plan. Plan is coming together nicely. Culture of engagement, high quality staff and staff retention, collaboration of the schools.
- Legislature – AOE has a plan of 5 districts. Senate – looking at a 6/3 plan, a modification of the AOE plan.
- Teacher negotiations in process.
- All schools passed their budgets.

Jay asked about school choice with the changes that the legislature is looking at? At this point, Matt has not heard that this is something that will be altered.

Principals Reports -

Walden – Anthony Fontana

- Community events – horse drawn sleigh rides.
- Bridge building competition coming up.
- Students had a good transition back from break.

Waterford – Chris Miller

- Spelling Bee – had a great turnout.
- Annual donation of the Ice Out Tickets at Joe's Pond.
- Glow Dance was a success.
- Art teacher is retiring at the end of the year. Position has been posted.
- Looking to hire a clinical therapist. Working on a job description with HR. This is a shared position with the 3 schools.
- 8th Graders are taking a college visit to UVM.

Barnet – no report this time.

New Business

Continuous Improvement Plan Updates (Presentation – Des Hertz)

Des spoke on the Academic Achievement Goals with math and reading and shared the STAR assessments and student growth. Safe and Health school goal – looks at attendance (attendance tracking) and behaviors. Social/Emotional screener software will be rolled out at the schools. Currently in the pilot process with schools.

Policy B20 - Personnel Recruitment, Selection, Appointment, And Background Checks (Recommended). An update to existing policy that outlines SU and District practices related to background checks for potential employees. (*Discussion/Possible adoption*)

One change is the SU will now pay for the background checks.

Policy D24 (formerly D7) - Special Education - Update to a required policy that outlines the SU responsibilities to meet the needs of students with disabilities. (*Discussion/Possible adoption*)

A **motion** to approve Policy B20 and Policy D24 by Dan Gingue and seconded by Dana Maxfield. Motion passed.

Principal Search Update for Barnet: Mike Moriarty noted that they currently have 4 to 5 applicants. A committee is being formed to sit on the hiring process. Will also do a staff survey to get a feel on what the staff is looking for in a principal. This will help guide the questions for the candidates. Currently Mike fills in at Barnet when Sam is out. Bobbie noted there has been a lot of positive feedback from staff with Sam.

Future Agenda Items:

- Principal Search Update

- School Board Member Open Seats
- Broadband Update – Mike Bigelow would like to be present to discuss placement of the tower.
- Board Retreat

Roundtable – Welcome to Brit for joining the board.

Meeting adjourned by Jay Miller.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Nicky Cole