

Approved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 17, 2024 – 6 pm

Call to Order by Ellen Cairns

Present: Ellen Cairns, Jason Monaco, Chris Tormey, Erica Fucello, Alicia Heber, Superintendent Matt Foster, Asst Superintendent Mike Moriarty, Interim Principal Jennifer Blake, Asst Interim Principal Eric Nelis, CVCC Jody Emerson

A **motion** to approve the agenda by Chris Tormey and seconded by Erica Fucello. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from November 25, 2024

A **motion** to approve the minutes by Chris Tormey and seconded by Jason Monaco. Motion approved.

Public Comment

Frank Kampf – spoke on the playground.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Matt Foster and Mike Moriarty were present to highlight a few items.

- Resignation of Barnet Principal – working on transition planning and looking for interim Principal
- Leadership meeting – reflected on the first half of the year.
- Legislative breakfast – Matt attended. Those attending were able to ask questions and have conversations around funding formulas etc.

Question on PowerSchool and standards. There are over 3300 standards in PowerSchool. Hoping to have unified standards across the SU. Looking at standards to see what is common across the schools and asking teachers to look at them as well.

Strategic design planning – meetings are going well. Last meeting looked at strengths and weaknesses in the communities. Vision statements were shared and collected.

Principal Report – Jennifer Blake was present to highlight a few items.

- Sustainability grant was approved.
- Having some boiler issues – looking at solutions.
- Roof repair needs of satellite buildings and woodchip plant.

Student Report – no discussion

Student Services Report – no discussion

Ellen – FYI - SU board approved updating two policies.

Interim Asst Principal – Eric Nelis

Behavior update - things are going better. After lunch has been a challenge. Looking at a recreation room. Currently writing the guidelines for use of the room.

Looking to put the shop back into use for art students to be able to do some hands-on projects.

CVCC Budget Presentation by Jody Emerson – Some of the discussion in the presentation:

Goals: Long term planning, Educational Quality & Community Involvement. CVCC is working towards the ability to offer a full day educational program. Looking at sites for the new education center. This would allow more student enrollment into the programs. Currently have to turn eligible students away. Jody shared current enrollment numbers. Jody went over the budget and shared the revenue sources and the revenue received by tuition.

FY26 Budget – Matt Foster went over the recent budget updates

FY26 budget is only up \$41k from FY25. This figure also includes the payoffs of debt.

Matt went over the long-term weighted average which then calculates the per pupil spending. Cabot is under the threshold set by the State so there is no penalty. With the CLA calculations that puts the homestead residential tax rate at 1.25 - that is a tax rate reduction from FY25.

Chris and Matt looked at what the figures would be if the \$500,000 loan was not taken as a loan but built into the budget for repairs. It would be 5 cents above the current year's residential tax rate. This option would eliminate interest. Discussion on what would be the best option at this point.

Matt showed the table for the home value/ income tax table.

Lottery Students – In the past it has been 10 spots. For the next year there will be 5 open spots, 5 will be already filled. Board discussion on number of spots to continue offering. Discussion on the limit of time that a student needs to be enrolled in the school before they can enter the lottery. Matt will seek clarification from the AOE regarding lottery requirements. The board will make a decision at the next meeting. Vote is tabled.

Retreat – Saturday, January 18th 9-12 with lunch after. Agenda looks good.

A **motion** to adjourn into Executive Session by Chris Tormey and seconded by Erica Fucello. Motion passed.

Out of Executive Session

A **motion** to accept the recommendation by Matt Foster to offer Jennifer Blake a two-year contract by Chris Tormey and seconded by Erica Fucello. Motion passed.

A **motion** to adjourn by Chris Tormey and seconded by Erica Fucello. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole