Approved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 8, 2024 – 6 pm

Call to Order by Erin Barry

Present: Erin Barry, Patrick Healy, Mark Kaufman, Janna Osman, Sara Cain, Jaxon (student representative) Rachel Hartman, Stephanie Ainslie, Kendra Padilla, Asst Superintendent Mike Moriarty and Superintendent Matt Foster

Jody Emerson & Alice Farrell – CVCC
Members of the Public

Public Comment: none

A **motion** to approve the September 10, 2024 and September 24, 2024 minutes by Janna Osman and seconded by Mark Kaufman. Motion approved.

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

- Attended a safety conference.
- Attended an AOE listen and learn event with Zoie Saunders. Superintendents were able to discuss concerns that they currently have and foresee.
- Des Hertz with curriculum put together a summary for each school.
- Negotiations – getting ready to start teacher negotiations.
- Inspire Ed – strategic planning – had initial leadership meeting. Looking to create a 3–5-year strategic plan. Mike and Matt discussed on how the process will work. Will be putting a committee together to work on this plan. Would like to have a 20% representation coming from students.

Mark Kaufman asked if historical data will be looked at? It can be.

Principal's Report – Rachel and Stephanie highlighted a few items from their reports

- Oct 10 - silent auction and dinner.
- Professional development day for staff.
- Oct 17 – Danish exchange students arrive. Then our students will go to Denmark.
- Oct 31 – elementary has a celebration and then also a costume drive.
- Oct 24 – Pumpkin run for elementary and then later a spooky walk for the middle school and high school students.
- Conferences will be in November.
- Spoke on the new cell phone practice and what is currently being followed. Janna spoke on some of the other States and their cell phone policies in school. The polling that Matt

currently has going is currently showing 78% believe that schools should have a no cell phone
- Have had issues with the electric bus – looking for solutions.
- Mark Mooney will be covering Rachel's maternity leave.
- After school is up and running.

For costume drive – costumes can be dropped off at the school.
Erin asked about the chrome books. Sounds like there has been issues with starting them up.
Erin would like Deb Gonyaw to attend a meeting to hear what is being taught for sexual health.

Student Service Report – no discussion

Student Representative Report – Jaxon
- School year is going well.
- New math teacher.
- Chrome books are a bit frustrating since they are slower.
- Spoke on Danish exchange.

CVCC – Jody Emerson and Alice Farrell were present to give updates and discuss -
6 sending schools and 18 towns are represented. This year they have 226 students and 420 applied.
By 2028/2029 they are looking to have a stand-alone center. Looking to have it centrally located.
Looking at different properties that will fit what the CVCC needs. Believes that all CTEs will become a statewide CT with locations throughout the State. If this takes place it would be in FY27.
Lots of board discussion with Jody and Alice on this plan.

Budget – Matt Foster spoke on a few of the budget factors for this year.
- Transportation needs.
- Capital improvement plan is in process. Brandon has outlined capital improvement needs.
- Staffing and programs.
- Summer program – this coming summer it will need to be locally funded. Grant funded is gone. Last year it was around $104k. If we run the summer program with Cabot, it would be a shared cost. The majority that attended in the past were Twinfield students.
- Health insurance costs are going up again this year.

Discussion on what the needs of the budgets will be and the parameters for the principals to follow. Look to see what programs, activities that students would be interested in. Need to get the pulse of the community what their thoughts are on the summer and after school program. Discussion on grants. Some grants require too much administration for them to be worth the amounts. Possibly get a survey out to the community to get their thoughts on the budget and what they would like to see. Can community members sign up for the newsletters? We could build a link in the website. Can the principals do a podcast that is then shared on social media? IT is currently working on new ways to share information easier to the community. For next meeting will have detailed lists for two examples of the budget.

Honorable Mention – Rebecca Jackson

Rebecca spoke on Twinfield and answered questions. Rebecca also spoke on the land transformation of the creek space. The students helped Rebecca clear the space.

Shared some recent community-based learning that the students have participated in.

Negotiations update – Fact finding stage right now for support staff. Patrick shared the stages of negotiations.

A **motion** to go into Executive Session by Erin Barry to discuss real estate. Motion passed.
Out of Executive Session.
A **motion** for the Superintendent to use due diligence to continue exploring real estate by Erin Barry and seconded by Patrick Healy. Motion passed.

A **motion** to adjourn by Janna Osman and seconded by Sara Cain. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole

Future Meetings: Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 at 6 p.m. - Regular Meeting