Unapproved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
PEACHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 7, 2024 – 5:30 pm

Call to Order by Mark Clough

Present: Alex MacLean, Dan Devine, Mark Clough, Diana Senturia, Andra Hibbert, Principal Sam McLeod, Asst Superintendent Mike Moriarty and Superintendent Matt Foster, Director of Finance Michael Concessi

Public Comment: none

A **motion** to approve the September 3, 2024, minutes by Diana Senturia and seconded by Dan Divine. Motion approved.

Principal's Report – Sam highlighted a few items

- Getting fully integrated with curriculum.
- Getting social studies ingrained in curriculum – classroom activities and experiences.
- Field trips, connecting with farms, met with a Groton forester.
- School hosting events which involve the community.
- MTSS systems aligned with curriculum.

Mark Clough noted how much he enjoyed the fall foliage festival.

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

- Attended an AOE listen and learn event with Zoie Saunders. Superintendents were able to discuss concerns that they currently have and foresee.
- Negotiations – going into the fact-finding stage for support staff.
- Inspire Ed – strategic planning – had initial leadership meeting. Looking to create a 3–5-year strategic plan. The team will meet four times a year for the vision. Currently in the process of reaching out to people who might be interested. Mike and Matt discussed on the process will work.

Question on the piloting of the reading program – Due to recent ACT 139 we need to be in compliance. Discussion on the two programs being looked at. EL and Bookworm are the curriculums being piloted. Sam spoke on Peacham's needs. What if neither program work for Peacham and they wanted to look for something else? As long as it meets the needs of the law and is affordable, yes.

Any teachers on provisional licensing – No, not any that are giving instruction at this time.

Budget – Michael Concessi

FY24 Final Results (unaudited) - Revenues finished ahead of plan due to interest income (working capital management) and Medicaid subgrant. Finished about $40k ahead on revenue.
Expenses were higher by $162k mainly due to outgoing tuition.
Micheal explained special ed costs and how they are expensed.

FY24 will have a deficit. The FY25 budget was built expecting to end with a $60k surplus for FY24. When the FY26 budget is built, a $100,000 will need to be added to the ed fund to cover.

FY25 Budget – too early in the year. Will continue to monitor along the year.

Discussion on block grant. Michael explained how the block grant is distributed.

FY26 Budget – Michael is currently working on creating the CCSU budget. The CCSU has to go first.

Discussion on special ed spending. It is based on individual student needs. It is important to identify needs early on. Noted that with moving to an MTSS model, more student needs are being met with Tier 1 instruction. Matt explained each of the tiers. Tier 1 – general classroom instruction, Tier 2 - classroom instruction with a little extra help, Tier 3 – needs extra services.

Curriculum – discussed in Superintendent Report.

Communication and Engaging with Parents -
Discussion on teacher's using their personal devices to take pictures etc. It is in the best interest that staff use school devices. Otherwise, it can be confiscated if there are any issues. Discussion on how many people tend to respond to a text quickly but email etc., can take longer. This budget season it will be looked at to ensure that schools have the tech devices needed.

Early Retirement Incentive -
A **motion** to not offer the incentive for this year by Diana Senturia and seconded by Andra Hibbert.
Tabled. Will meet to discuss on Thursday.

VSBA Resolution Process – no discussion

Energy Efficiency Update – Andra has reached back out to them. No update at this time.

VSBA Update – Mark Clough
Funding Committee put together to look at costs for public schools has not had a lot of traction yet. Will be looking at the funding formula. Spoke on some of the issues