

Approved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
CALEDONIA COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 7:00pm

Present: Jessica Roy, Dan Gingue, Bobbie Roy, Heather Mulligan, James Hemond, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principals Chris Miller, Luisa Millington, Anthony Fontana, Director of Finance Michael Concessi.

Call to order by Jessica Roy

Addition/Changes to Agenda: District Clerk Appointment

Public Input – none

New Business:

Appoint District Clerk – A **motion** to elect Jay Miller by Dan Gingue and seconded by Heather Mulligan. Motion passed.

Budget Revote -

Discussion that if the board wants to include an article in the warning to move the voting date for 2025 back to town meeting day, the earliest the budget revote could take place is May 21 if we add that article.

Jennifer (Waterford) - could the voting date for 2025 be included during the November election?
Good idea.

Bill – Same suggestion to do in November. Is going back to March going to have the issue with the State not having all the data released yet? Mark spoke on items being addressed at the legislature.

A **motion** by Dan Gingue to have the budget revote on May 7th and seconded by Bobbie Roy.
Motion passed.

FY25 Revised Budget – Michael Concessi was present to go over the changes. The new budget has a reduction of the original budget by \$850k per the items discussed at the last meeting. Decreased the tax rates by 10 cents.

Have the principals received any feedback on removing the after-school program? Nothing specifically.

James Lamar – changes to the homestead tax rate are considerable. Questions on the calculations that affect the tax rate. Michael explained the pre CLA and what the districts can control.

Michael – Question on using surplus to lower ed spending. Still putting some funds into Capital Reserves but for this year, needed to use some of the surplus to lower the total for ed spending.

Bill – Would like to go back to the afterschool program. Would like to encourage the board to keep those funds in the budget to have the programs.

Jennifer – Would like to partly echo what Bill just said. Enlist all resources to get parents/community members out to vote and to also educate the public on the budget.

Elanie – Was interested to see how the CLA affects the tax rate.
Jessica is thinking a flyer that explains these factors might be helpful.

After the community feedback, Dan feels that the afterschool program funding should be added back into the budget. Heather agrees with Dan on this. James & Bobbie both also agree.

With putting the afterschool program back in the budget is \$15,777,842
A **motion** to approve the expenditure budget for FY25 of \$15,777,842 by Dan Gingue and seconded by Bobbie Roy. Motion passed.

Warning – Board discussion on all the tools to use to get information out. Flyer with data points.

- The informational meeting will be on May 6 at 6 PM at Walden School.
- Vote is May 7th by Australian ballot.

A **motion** to approve the warning as written by Dan Gingue and seconded by Bobbie Roy.
Motion passed.

Anthony brought up the importance of getting the information out for those that will not go to the informational meeting - especially since we are using part of the surplus.

Adjourned by Jessica Roy at 9:01PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole