Unapproved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 24, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Call to Order by Ellen Cairns

Present: Ellen Cairns, Chris Tormey, Erica Fucello, Jason Monaco, Kerri Moll, Principal Rebecca Tatistcheff, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Incoming Superintendent Matt Foster, Asst Principal Sarah Ainsworth.

Members of the public

Consent Agenda
A **motion** to approve the agenda by Chris Tormey and seconded by Jason Monaco. Motion passed.

Minutes for Approval
May 20, 2024

A **motion** to approve the minutes noted above by Chris Tormey and seconded by Kerri Moll. Motion passed.

Ellen read a statement regarding public comment.

Public Comment –
Alicia – Read a statement regarding Sarah Ainsworth and the behavior issues in Cabot School. She is concerned about Sarah's leadership since behavior falls under her current job duties. Also, she would like a playground update.

Randilee – will the staff letter regarding support of Sarah Ainsworth be read and shared? Staff supports Sarah Ainsworth stepping in as interim Principal.

Rory – Supports what Aliica has stated. History shows an intentional design to override the decision process. Desire for change is not by just one or two people. The climate survey says differently. Have not seen any leadership regarding change to the behavior issues at Cabot School.

Principal Report -
Becca read a statement to the public and the board. Points included:
- Support the school
- Believe the experts – teachers, staff, leaders
- Use evidence that is systematically collected
- Learn together as a board

Kerri noted the statement Becca read felt like a tisk tisk vs a positive summary.

Superintendent Report - Mark Tucker was present to highlight a few items:

- Yield bill was vetoed by the governor, but the legislature overruled the veto. Slight increase in the yield bill. An Education Funding Advisory Committee is being planned.

Thank you to Mark for everything he has done for the Cabot School.

Student Service Report – no discussion

Board Discussion

Executive Session – A **motion** to go into executive session to discuss the employment of a public officer, by Chris Tormey and seconded by Kerri Moll. Motion passed.

Out of Executive Session

A **motion** to table the recommendation of the hiring of Sarah Ainsworth until July 11 by Chris Tormey and seconded by Kerri Moll. Motion approved.

Superintendent Summer Hiring Authority – Mark Tucker explained this process. This is for hiring licensed professionals. The hire is first brought to the board chair.

A **motion** to approve Summer Hiring Authority to the Superintendent for licensed professionals by Chris Tormey and seconded by Jason Monaco. Motion approved.

Year-end Project/Hiring/Grant Status – Becca was present to give updates.
Hiring – 3 open positions.
Facility work – Health center office & chip plant.
Playground – Funding is in a separate place, managed at the SU level. The playground was to be completed by July 1.
Community Schools Grant ends September 1st. Thank you to Sonia for her work on this grant.
After school Grant will become available July 1 for 3 years.
Campus Flip – New administration will handle.

Campus Flip – Execution of the approved loan to start the design process.
A **motion** to approve the execution of the approved loan by Kerri Moll and seconded by Jason Monaco. Motion approved.

Policy Reviews: Chair will set a time limit in the meeting for reviewing these policies, and carry forward (table) unaddressed policies for subsequent meetings

Policy E20 – **(Tabled)** Community Use of School Facilities (Recommended). An update to existing policy that allows for a Board to allow community use based on a range of criteria and obligations, or disallow community use for any reason. (Discussion/Possible Adoption)
Policy D21 – Tiered System of Support and Educational Support Team (Recommended). A policy outlining Superintendent obligation to develop and support the use of multi-tiered educational supports. Discussion/Possible Adoption)

Policy D20 – Curriculum Development and Coordination (Recommended). An update to existing policy, outlining the SU and District roles in the development of curriculum. Discussion/Possible Adoption)
Policy F20 - Fiscal Management and General Financial Accountability (Recommended). A policy intended to align CCSU fiscal practices with current Federal and State law and regulation. Discussion/Possible Adoption)
Policy F23 – Capitalization of Assets (Recommended). An update to existing policy that provides guidelines for the management of the financial value of capital assets. Discussion/Possible Adoption)
Policy F24 - Prevention of Conflict of Interest in Procurement (Recommended). An update to existing policy that defines conflict of interest by employees in the process of purchasing or otherwise expending district monies in the course of their duties. Discussion/Possible Adoption)
Policy B20 - Personnel Recruitment, Selection, Appointment, And Background Checks (Recommended). Policy that outlines SU and District practices related to background checks for potential employees. (Discussion/Possible Adoption)
Policy F26 – Security Cameras (Recommended). A policy related to the placement and use of security cameras in school buildings. Discussion/Possible Adoption)

A **motion** to approve policies D21, D20, F20, F23, F24, B20 & F26 by Ellen Cairns and seconded by Chris Tormey. Motion approved.

Community Forum – had a good turnout. The forum had 3 questions that were asked to the public and they will look at the feedback.

Planning for Summer Retreat – Ellen sent out a draft of the agenda. Please give feedback to Ellen.

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

Future Meetings: Cabot Regular Meeting: Monday, July 22nd, 2024

Thank you to Mark, Becca and Sonia. Good luck to everyone.

A **motion** to adjourn by Jason Monaco and seconded by Chris Tormey.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole