Approved Minutes

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union

CALEDONIA COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2024 – 6:00pm

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

Call to order by Jessica Roy

Principal Reports: Principals discussed what the schools have been working on this year.

FY25 Budget Discussion – Mark Tucker was present
Budget was reduced by $715k some drivers were:

- Reduction in Spec Ed costs due to student numbers
- Title 1 funding
- 2 FTE cuts (paraprofessionals)
- Transfer from unrestricted reserves

After-school programming was left in the budget.

Question on what if the needs change at the start of the year? All we can do is budget for what we know. If a student leaves the district or if a student moves into the district, we must address it at that time. If a special ed need arises during the middle of a budget year, the district must absorb it. This is a possibility in any school year.

Postcards were not mailed for this new vote due to timing and expense. Board shared where all the information was posted – there was a lot.

Why did Barnet not have an after-school program? Could not find an after-school director. It has been posted for a year, with no applicants. Funds are equally dispersed.

Where are the surplus funds sitting now? In an investment account.

FY25 Budget Drivers:

- Special Ed Costs
- No Small School Grant anymore
- Tuition
- Health Insurance
- Salaries and Benefits
- After-school program (now locally funded)
- SU Assessment

Mark shared a slide that shows the maintenance projects needed for each school. Reserves pay for these projects.

Mark explained the factors that affect tax rates:

- Ed Spending
- Long term weighted average
- CLA
- Yield Rate

Mark showed the tax rates at a glance for each town.

Discussion on the health insurance rates. These are state negotiated rates, we do not have control over the premium costs.

Question on how many High School students does the district tuition? Approximately 250. 235 are at St. J Academy and LI.

Adjourned by Jessica Roy

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole