

*Unapproved*  
**Caledonia Central Supervisory Union**  
**Peacham School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, July 7, 2025 – 5:30 PM**  
**Location- In person & Zoom**

Call to order by Mark Clough

In attendance: Andra Hibbert, Mark Clough, Alex MacLean, Diana Senturia, Dan Devine, Asst Superintendent Mike Moriarty, Principal Lydia Cochrane, Superintendent Matt Foster, Facility Director Tommy Bricco.

Minutes

- June 2, 2025
- June 5, 2025
- June 16, 2025

A **motion** to approve the minutes by Diana Senturia and seconded by Alex MacLean. Motion approved.

Superintendent Report – no written report

- Summer hiring is going well.
- Summer meal sites are up and running. Open to everyone.

RSCA – Margaret MacLean was present to speak on the alliance, the number of schools that have joined the alliance and shared a summary of the talking points for the alliance. Spoke on Supervisory Unions and their importance of having shared resources for rural communities and the fact with an SU it is easy to figure out the shared costs. With Supervisory Unions you have boards that are made up from each school. The task force is tasked to present up to 3 maps to be presented to the Senate and the House. A Supervisory District is not desirable for the schools in our Supervisory Union, only an SU model works for our schools. Margaret went over what it would look like for CCSU, St. Johnsbury SD and Kingdom East if they all merged together. The student count for a Supervisory Union needs to be 4k with new models being looked at. Margaret shared a motion that schools can make and then take to the SU as a motion to make. The motion would then allow the SU to speak with surrounding townson merging and be shared with the State so that the State would know the wishes of the towns involved. Marget explained how Peacham could be closed – by a district or by the State. The assumption that school closure saves money is not accurate. Board discussion on the importance of enrollment and keeping the numbers up. Discussion on the rising costs of healthcare.

A **motion** by Andra Hibbert and seconded by Diana Senturia that Peacham School wishes to remain in a Supervisory Union model and will have talks with surrounding towns. Andra read the full motion. Motion passed.

A **motion** that the letter will be signed and Matt Foster will share with the task force and legislature by Andra Hibbert and seconded by Dan Devine. Motion passed.

The new facilities director, Tommy Bricco, took a moment to introduce himself to the board. Board members spoke on Peacham School and thoughts that they have on the facility and its needs. Peacham would like to have the school as an emergency shelter.

Sale of Peacham School – Matt spoke with attorneys and relayed the information to the board. Sale is possible. Matt went over how the insurance would need to work. If the State moves to an SD format, then Peacham would like to be prepared to sell the school to the town. Board asked if Matt could reach out to John Castle to see when he would be available to speak with the board. Matt will also get the language from the attorney needed and the board will speak with the selectboard.

Principal Lydia Cochrane – Lydia spoke with the board. She noted that staff morale is very important to her. Discussion on the no cell phones in the classroom bill that passed. All feel it is a good bill.

VSBA Update – no update

Future Agenda Items:

John Castle – road map for sale of Peacham & communications.

454 – next steps

Retreat – rolled into the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting from 3-6PM. Board will have a dinner together.

A **motion** to adjourn by Alex MacLean and seconded by Dan Devine. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Nicky Cole