

Approved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BOARD RETREAT MEETING
July 27, 2026

Call to Order by Chris Tormey

Present: Chris Tormey, Ellen Cairns, Melissa Pratt, Alicia Heber, Superintendent Matt Foster, Jason Monaco, Asst Superintendent Mike Moriarty

Approve Agenda –

A **motion** to approve the agenda by Melissa Pratt and seconded by Ellen Cairns. Motion approved.

Public Comment – none

Board Discussion

[D31 - AI Policy](#) This is a new policy that establishes clear rules for the responsible, ethical, and educational use of AI across all schools, emphasizing student learning, privacy, academic integrity, and AI literacy. The policy requires disclosure and citation of AI use, prohibits misuse such as undisclosed AI-generated work or entering student information into unapproved tools, and mandates that all AI platforms meet strict privacy, security, and legal standards. It also promotes equitable access, family transparency, annual staff training, and ongoing review as AI technology evolves. (Discussion)

Matt went over the policy.

Will start the year off with this as a procedure until it can be voted in as a policy.

Board discussion on policy. Will be entered into the handbook as a procedure to start.

Proposed Executive Session in accordance with 1 V.S.A 313 (a)(3) Appointment, employment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee. Not needed.

Board Retreat

Discussion: Review information to share w/ community on school's future options

Chris shared a document showing a timeline for different paths with information.

At this point, there are only 23 high school students for the upcoming year.

Staff currently have a full FTE position due to the timing of the numbers. It will be challenging in the future to only offer part-time contracts. Staff could have dual roles. Possibly team up with Twinfield and be able to create a full-time position that is shared.

Chris shared information on what the numbers could look like if Cabot operated a smaller high school with less FTE counts. Also shared the cost of closing the high school and having students tuitioned out.

Board discussion on the school buildings. Discussion on having the Cabot School buildings transferred to the town of Cabot. Chris found the average cost of the schools that students would potentially be tuitioned out to. If the community decides to close the high school, it will cost around 1.2 million.

If the community operates with a smaller high school, it would be around 767k.

Discussion on transportation.

Discussion on what Cabot currently pays for CTE students. Look at what that expense is. If Cabot high school closes, what are the savings on that expense? Matt will have John look at those numbers.

Will also look at how many lottery slots will be available for next year and look at the demand. If lottery is not an option, families will have to possibly pay to tuition their student to another school if they want them to attend another school besides Cabot.

Board discussion on community communications and how to get information out. Discussion on platforms to use to get the information out.

Looking to have two forums and a survey.

A **motion** to adjourn by Alicia Heber and seconded by Melissa Pratt. Motion approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole