

Approved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
CALEDONIA COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2026

Call to Order by Jay Miller

Attendance: Jay Miller, Dan Gingue, Erin Hill, Bobbie Roy, Superintendent Matt Foster, Dana Maxfield, Brit Korsch, Victoria Atwood, Allison Gulka, Principals Jessica Kenyon, Chris Miller, Sam McLeod, Asst Superintendent Mike Moriarty, Director of Finance John Burke

Review Current Agenda – Add Executive Session

Citizens or Staff to Be Heard (Public Comment)

Kim Willey – question on busing – if Waterford does not get another bus, is there an alternative being looked at for student transportation? It is posted currently with the district and with Butlers.

Question on the Waterford Kindergarten class for next year – an update will be given during the principal's report.

Approve Minutes of the following meetings:

- December 8, 2025

A **motion** to approve the minutes by Bobbie Roy and seconded by Dan Gingue. Motion approved.

Reports (Discussion)

Superintendent – Matt & Mike were present to answer any questions

Question on how the online request for proposals has been going? Very well.

Principals

Walden – Jessica Kenyon was present to highlight a few items

- 3 guiding goals for the year – meetings are taking place. Teams meet on a weekly or monthly basis.
- Climate culture and communication.
- CIP
- Before break met as a team to dissect the 3 goals.

Waterford – Chris Miller was present to highlight a few items

- Had a barn owl outside of the school. In 2021, an injured barn owl was rehabbed and then released back into the woods at the school.
- Winter activities have started.

- Multi-tiered sports – finding ways to make sure the students get what they need.
- WSA is looking for parent volunteers.
- Kindergarten class size for next year – projecting 23 students. Chris has met with staff involved and has started to look at options. Ideally looking at options to keep Waterford kids in Waterford. Next step is confirming student count and the intention of each of those families. Details are still being looked at and working for a solution.

Barnet – Sam McLeod was present to highlight a few items

- Curriculum MTSS systems – Sam discussed Barnet’s process.
- Community events – caroling was a success. Working on continued community engagement.
- 5/6 took a trip to the Capitol and met the Governor.
- Added a new drama club after school.

Student Service - no discussion

FY27 Budget – Matt & John shared a presentation on where the numbers are falling currently. 3.17% increase from last year’s budget.

John went over the CLA and LTW ADM figures. Below the per pupil spending threshold.

Main driver in the budget increase is salary and benefits due to the CBA.

Have an unaudited surplus of 1 million from prior year.

Grant funded employees were left within the grants.

Matt went over the Homestead Residential tax rate for each town.

The board looked at using part of the surplus to bring down tax impact.

Waterford is in good shape due to the town going through a reappraisal. Walden is on the schedule for a reappraisal.

Question on whether capital projects are part of the surplus? The administration will look at what part of the surplus is already accounted for.

A motion to approve the FY27 expenditure budget of \$16,854,093 by Dan Gingue and seconded by Victoria Atwood. Motion approved.

Warning for Town Meeting – Matt and the board updated the warning as needed.

The informational meeting will be Monday, March 2 at 6 PM at Waterford School and online.

Will need to elect a district clerk. Will do a special meeting to appoint a district clerk and approve the warning.

Board member elections – Board went over which seats are up for re-election at town meeting day. Heather’s is up and she is not planning to run again.

Legislative Update – nothing really to report currently. More will come out in the next few months.

Walden Community Library By-laws – Martha noted that these policies/by-laws have not been updated since Cal Coop formed. To make changes, it needs school board and library trustee approval. Concerns right now are the maintenance of the building. Concerns around the library

Wi-Fi and no firewalls. Dana asked if it could be brought to the board the changes that are needed for policy/by-laws and the needs of the library. Yes, Martha can work on that.

Executive Session -

A motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1VSA 313 A2 by Bobbie Roy and seconded by Dan Gingue. Motion approved.

Out of executive session

A motion to come out of executive session with no action taken.

Future agenda items:

- Informational Meeting
- Legislative Update
- Updates on Kindergarten at Waterford

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Nicky Cole