

Approved Minutes  
**Caledonia Central Supervisory Union**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING  
Monday, January 20, 2025 - 6 PM

Call to Order: Clayton Cargill

Board Members Present: Eric Hewitt, Dan Devine, Andra Hibbert, Mark Kaufman, Bobbie Roy, Jason Miller, Mark Clough, Ellen Cairns, Chris Tormey

Administration and Staff Present : Director of Early Education Bethany Hale, Curriculum Director Des Hertz, Superintendent Matt Foster, Assistant Superintendent Mike Moriarty

Public Present: Jamie Dimick (KATV)

No additions to agenda

Approval of CCSU Board Negotiation Council Minutes: August 22nd, 2024, October 22nd, 2024, December 11th, 2024, December 18th, 2024, January 8th, 2025

Board gave consent to move minutes to approved.

Board Business

Presentation from John Castle on the Commission of Education – Preliminary findings of the commission on the future of public education in Vermont. Commission will start meeting twice a month to be proactive to Legislation. John shared the report with the board. Discussion on foundation formulas. Discussion on funding formulas and potential changes (would not impact FY26) but could be in place for FY27. John believes that bold policies will be coming out within the following weeks. Discussion on policies around small schools and thresholds that could be put in place for student counts etc. Thoughts that it might look like more consolidation's vs closing schools. Vermont geographics can make further consolidations hard. School choice discussion – thoughts on if the State could force districts to allow more school choice. Vermont's spending per pupil is some of the highest in the Country. Staff to student ratios will come into play and should be looked at. Clayton asked about PCB testing – where did it go? It seems to have been abandoned when it came time to look at mitigation costs.

The board will have further discussion and share their thoughts with John.

Eric asked if there is a way to pull data/numbers from the AOE? John has not seen the underlying data that supports the numbers that have come for the Secretary of Education. Agrees that we need to be able to verify and justify where the numbers are coming from.

Public Input: none

Future Agenda Items:  
Support Staff Agreement

Next Meeting Date: February 3, 2025

A **motion** to adjourn by Ellen Cairns and seconded by Eric Hewitt. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Nicky Cole