

Unapproved Minutes  
**Caledonia Central Supervisory Union**  
**CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
Monday, April 22, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Call to Order by Ellen Cairns

Present: Ellen Cairns, Chris Tormey, Erica Fucello, Jason Monaco, Kerri Moll, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principal Rebecca Tatistcheff

Consent Agenda: Moved by Chris Tormey. Ellen would like to add board retreat to the agenda. Question on Executive Session – it is written the way it is due to student confidentiality. Approved with addition.

Approve Minutes from March 25th, 2024, March 28th, 2024, April 11th, 2024

A **motion** to approve all noted minutes by Chris Tormey and seconded by Erica Fucello with a word correction. Motion passed.

Public Comment - none

## **Reports**

Student Report – no student report

Principal Report – Becca joined via zoom. A few things highlighted:

- Had a maintenance/facility walk through. Wanted to make sure there would be no structural/code issues with flipping the campus.
- May 29<sup>th</sup> – Staff and students are getting ready to welcome people onto the campus. Should be a fun day/evening.

Chris checked in with Becca on positions that need to be filled.

Jason asked for an update on the playground. Waiting for it to be dry enough for it to be installed, all equipment is present. Brandon Lawrence is taking the lead on the project.

Superintendent Report – Mark Tucker was present to highlight a few items:

- Open positions in the SU are listed on the SU website.
- Agency of Natural Resources – Mark has not been successful with getting a response on the PCB remediation.
- Woodchip plant – has still not been fixed. Had a funding gap between the two grants being used, Mark found an additional grant that will fill the gap.
- MTSS Coordinator has been hired. Grant funded position. Project Aware will cover this for several years. Mark spoke on what this position will be responsible for.

Ellen asked how transitioning is going with the incoming Superintendent? Going well.

Twinfield will be doing a reconsideration vote and Cal Coop is having a revote.

## **Board Discussion**

A **motion** to move up Executive Session meeting time by Chris Tormey and seconded by Kerri Moll. Motion passed.

**Retreat Planning** – Board discussion on what time frame will work. Ellen will send around a doodle poll to find a date and time that works. Chris Tormey is willing to host it at his house.

**Next steps in the community conversation and surveys of community members** (Discussion/Vote on whether to hire John Castle as a consultant)

Ellen reached out to Mike Concessi, he is concerned about the budget. Does not believe Cabot has a lot of extra money to spend to hire John as a full consultant. The board will create a planning committee to work on a survey. Board discussion on if hiring a consultant is necessary. Mark spoke on what hiring a consultant brings to the table with their expertise. Chris spoke on bringing some thoughts to the community and asking the community what they would like the board to dive into. The board will meet in two weeks to continue this conversation. Special Meeting will be Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Petition from parent: Executive Session: 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(7) - Student academic records, suspension, or discipline.**

A **motion** to enter into Executive Session by Kerri Moll and seconded by Chris Tormey. Motion passed. Out of Executive Session.

A **motion** to not grant a request to tuition a student to another school by Chris Tormey and seconded by Erica Fucello. Motion carried with Ellen, Erica and Chris voting aye, Kerri and Jason voting nay.

**Planning for educator appreciation week in May** – no discussion

**Policy Reviews:** Chair will set a time limit in the meeting for reviewing these policies, and carry forward (table) unaddressed policies for subsequent meetings – **Policies tabled**

Policy E20 – Community Use of School Facilities (Recommended). An update to existing policy that allows for a Board to allow community use based on a range of criteria and obligations, or disallow community use for any reason. (Discussion/Possible Adoption)

Policy D21 – Tiered System of Support and Educational Support Team (Recommended). A policy outlining Superintendent obligation to develop and support the use of multi-tiered educational supports. Discussion/Possible Adoption)

Policy D20 – Curriculum Development and Coordination (Recommended). An update to existing policy, outlining the SU and District roles in the development of curriculum. Discussion/Possible Adoption)

Policy F20 - Fiscal Management And General Financial Accountability (Recommended). A policy intended to align CCSU fiscal practices with current Federal and State law and regulation. Discussion/Possible Adoption)

Policy F23 – Capitalization of Assets (Recommended). An update to existing policy that provides guidelines for the management of the financial value of capital assets. Discussion/Possible Adoption)

Policy F24 - Prevention Of Conflict Of Interest In Procurement (Recommended). An update to existing policy that defines conflict of interest by employees in the process of purchasing or otherwise expending district monies in the course of their duties.

Discussion/Possible Adoption)

Policy B20 - Personnel Recruitment, Selection, Appointment, And Background Checks (Recommended). Policy that outlines SU and District practices related to background checks for potential employees. Discussion/Possible Adoption)

Policy F26 – Security Cameras (Recommended). A policy related to the placement and use of security cameras in school buildings. Discussion/Possible Adoption)

Future Meetings: Cabot Regular Meeting: Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Special Meeting Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

A **motion** to adjourn by Jason Monaco and seconded by Erica Fucello. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole