

Approved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
PEACHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, February 19, 2024 – 5:00 pm

Call to Order by Mark Clough

Present: Mark Clough, Cornelia Hasenfuss, Andra Hibbert, Alex Maclean, Dan Devine, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Director of Finance Michael Concessi, Principal Sam McLeod.

Public: Dianna Senturian

Act 127 – Mark Tucker spoke on the recent changes to Act 127 and the removal of the 5% cap being potentially eliminated. The board made budget decisions to achieve the 5% cap and that is possibly no longer needed. The board had removed the after-school funding.

Michael Concessi showed the new figures with the \$45k back into the budget for the after-school program, adjusted the tuition rates since actual announced tuition rates have been released and the potential new yield rates.

Michael showed what the tax increase would be if the after-school program was not funded. It would go from a 20% tax increase to an 18% tax increase.

Dianna feels it is important to put the after-school program back into the budget.

Michael noted that even though Peacham was hoping to have a surplus at the end of FY24, after true-ups it could be a small deficit.

Busing discussion – Mark Tucker noted the contract is binding for Peacham as long as Butler can provide a driver. There is a possibility that Cabot can take the services if Peacham does not need them to fulfill the contract. Andra sent out a survey to parents (will resend since the first survey did not allow parents that don't use the service to give input). The survey was very split. The board at this time feels the results are too split to make a decision. The board is concerned about an equity issue. The board will continue to research and make contingency plans such as having the school open earlier etc.

Sam spoke about the contingency plan and also spoke about his current experience driving one of the buses. Need to find a sustainable solution and wait and see what unfolds. Sam does not mind driving 1 or 2 days a week. Hopefully with 2 other drivers, they can create a solid schedule.

FY25 Amended Budget -

A **motion** to approve the amended FY25 expenditure budget of \$2,675,594 by Alex Maclean and seconded by Cornelia Hasenfuss. Motion passed.

Peacham Town Meeting Day votes on the floor so even though this is not the original warned amount, they can motion to amend and vote on the new amount from the floor. Mark showed Roberts' Rules of Order for the proper steps involved.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole