

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

Call to Order by Ellen Cairns

Present: Ellen Cairns, Chris Tormey, Erica Fucello, Jason Monaco, Superintendent Matt Foster, Assistant Superintendent Mike Moriarty, Principal Jennifer Blake

Motion to approve agenda by Chris Tormey, seconded by Jason Monaco . Agenda approved

Minutes from July 2, 2024, and July 11, 2024

A **motion** to approve the minutes with change was noted by Chris Tormey and seconded by Erica Fucello. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Frank Kampf - question on appraisals and the effect on the tax rate.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Matt Foster was present to highlight a few items.

InspirED– Matt spoke on the program and the process. Looks at schools' baselines and helps to map plans moving forward. It helps schools to prepare strategic plans. No local expense for this consulting is being paid for with the remains of ESSER Funds.

Mike Moriarty (Assistant Superintendent) introduced himself to the board.

Ellen noted that during a VSBA Board Chair meeting, it was noted that not all Principals attend the board meetings. Jennifer plans to attend all board meetings.

Board Discussion

Communication from the CVCCSD Board (Discussion) - With the CVCCSD expansion to become a larger tech/education center with full-day school services, small schools need to start looking at sustainability. The expansion is looking to be about 5 years out. Board discussion on schools sharing resources and becoming collaborative, potential high-school merger with Twinfield and/or Danville, with the possibility of having our own CCSU tech center to serve the SU.

Campus update – Matt and other staff members did a walk-through. Matt looked into AOE guidelines. Need to look at the process of the design. John Castle has been a resource for Matt. Quick discussion on thoughts on using an architect or a design/build contractor. It should be an action item for the next meeting since these things take time to research. Matt will have more information for that meeting.

Jennifer Blake (Cabot Principal) - Dr. Blake introduced herself to the board and shared her background and thoughts for the upcoming year.

Chris gave a summary of the School Sustainability Committee, especially the results from the first community forum and information gleaned from drop boxes and the next steps in crafting a long-term sustainability plan. (Discussion) - Chris Tormey spoke on the community forum. Based on a discussion format with 3 questions presented. Each table discussed the questions as a group. The vibe and approach were very positive. The committee also placed drop boxes around town to collect input. The next forum will be used to look at items that the community sees as challenges – how the curriculum works (PBL program), report cards, and student-led conferences (suggestion from some that there also needs to be a place where there is one on one with the teacher). Discussion on the timeline for the next forum.

Look at the Climate Survey results and discuss the next steps. (Discussion) - Did a comparison from last year's answers. Chris went over the questions and responses. There has been some improvement in the responses, but it is still obvious that improvement is needed. The system put in place for student behavior still needs work.

Policy Reviews

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) - Discussion on groups not affiliated with the school using the school due to liability. Most organized groups have their own insurance. If it can be tied to the school, it will be covered. Having a staff member present covers the activity at the school. Matt let the board know that one can purchase liability insurance through the VSBIT website for \$100 or less for single-day activity.

A **motion** to approve Policy E20 by Erica Fucello and seconded by Chris Tormey. Motion passed.

A **motion** to adjourn by Chris Tormey and seconded by Erica Fucello. Motion passed.

Future Meetings: Cabot Regular Meeting: Monday, August 26th, 2024, Cabot Special Election Warning

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole