

Approved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING
April 27, 2026

Call to Order by Chris Tormey

Present: Chris Tormey, Ellen Cairns, Melissa Pratt, Alicia Heber, Superintendent Matt Foster, Principal Steve Owens, Facilities Dir Tommy Bricco, Asst Superintendent Mike Moriarty, Dir of Curriculum Patti Sprague, Jason Monaco

Members from Danville & Twinfield

Approve Agenda – Move up board discussion with Twinfield and Danville
Add board member office hours.

A **motion** to amend the agenda by Ellen Cairns and seconded by Melissa Pratt. Motion approved.

Approve Minutes from March 23, 2026, April 3, 2026, April 9, 2026, April 13, 2026

A **motion** to approve the minutes of March 23, 2026, April 3, 2026, April 9, 2026 by Ellen Cairns and seconded by Melissa Pratt. Motion approved.

A **motion** to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026 by Alicia Heber and seconded by Melissa Pratt. Motion approved. Ellen abstained.

Public Comment

A **motion** to allow all in attendance to speak by Melissa Pratt and seconded by Alicia Heber. Motion approved.

Amy – Spoke on evidence that masks are harmful and are not helpful.

The board held a discussion with Twinfield and Danville – Janna Osman, Asa Baer & Erin Barry from Twinfield and Clayton Cargill from Danville. Some points discussed - Clayton spoke where Danville is currently falling on the State maps. Erin shared an update on Twinfield's status. Erin emphasized the importance of continued collaboration among schools to best support students. Chris outlined Cabot's current situation, noting a projected decline in high school enrollment next year. Janna spoke on keeping each of these schools viable. With each town wanting to keep their high schools, could it be considered a 3-campus high school. Clayton spoke on if Danville and Cabot merged their high schools; there would be no need for a second building. Discussion on Twinfield's high school and their enrollment. Shared thoughts on a regional high school that will help to meet classroom size requirements. Cabot is facing challenges with the high school enrollment dropping; it will not be fiscally viable to continue the high school.

[Superintendent Report](#) – Matt and Mike written report supplied

[Principal Report](#) – written report supplied

[Student Service Report](#) – written report supplied

Student Representative Report – no report

Winter Assessment – Director of Curriculum Patti Sprague

Patti shared the Academic Goal that Cabot set.

Patti went over the Literacy and Math Assessments. Star and Dibels are the testing platforms used.

The slides showed Cabot students' proficiency and growth.

VTCAP by CCSU schools. Slides show proficiency trends for each of the schools in the SU for the past 3 years.

Chris wondered if schools could tap into each other's resources, especially when you see one of the schools having some success with their proficiency levels/trends.

Patti shared the Safe & Health School Goal that Cabot set.

The absenteeism rates/trends were shared – they have dropped

SEL assessment data was shared.

Discussion on professional development for staff. The curriculum team is exploring what multi-age literacy programs could look like, including how to support diverse learners across grade levels.

Facilities Update – Director of Facilities Tommy Bricco

Tommy went over the summer 2026 capital improvement projects.

- Cracked water jacket on main boiler.
- FOBS
- Excavate 4 areas to repair lines.
- Back door decking on the main building.

Tommy went over current VSBIT claims.

Applied for a VSBIT Cares Grant.

After crunching the YTD numbers, all work will come in around \$18k over the budget.

Cabot will stay with Alliance for FY27.

Shared spring work progress.

The new principal will start next Monday.

School board office hours – board members discussed expanding opportunities to connect with the community and improving communication methods. Ellen will add it to the survey to gather community input. The survey will be added as an item on the next meeting agenda.

The board discussed teacher/staff appreciation – the board will coordinate the meal.

May regular meeting date (falls on Memorial Day) (Discussion/possible date change) - will move to Tuesday the 26th.

A **motion** to adjourn. Motion approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicky Cole