

Approved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
CALEDONIA COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 14, 2025 - 6 PM

Call to Order by Jay Miller

Board Members Present: Dana Maxfield, Bobbie Roy, Dan Gingue, Jay Miller, Bobbie Roy, Heather Mulligan, Brit Korsh, Superintendent Matt Foster, Ast Superintendent Mike Moriarty, Principal Chris Miller, Principal Anthony Fontana, Principal Sam McLeod

Consent Agenda:

- Move School Board Candidate for after Minutes Approval
- School Therapist, Art Position
- Small School Alliance – moved down until Margaret joins

A **motion** to change the agenda as noted by Dan Gingue and seconded by Brit Korsh. Motion passed.

Public Input: none

Minutes March 10, 2025

A **motion** to approve the minutes by Dan Gingue and seconded by Heather Mulligan. Motion passed.

Minutes April 8, 2025

A **motion** to approve the minutes with spelling errors corrected by Heather Mulligan and seconded by Bobbie Roy. Motion passed.

New School Board Member: Jeremy Goetz (Waterford)

Jeremy introduced himself to the board.

A **motion** to appoint Jeremy Goetz to the school board by Dan Gingue and seconded by Heather Mulligan. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report – Matt Foster and Mike Moriarty were present to highlight a few items

- House bill 454 has left the house and is heading towards the Senate.
- Title 6 – Matt sent in on a call with the Agency of Educ Secretary. Needed to certify that the State complies with Title 6 for federal funding.
- Matt spoke on the late Esser funds that we were originally allowed to use and now those funds are in jeopardy.
- Mike spoke on the upcoming Walden Principal search.

Board noted it would be nice to get another Walden community member to join the board to represent Walden with Dana Maxfield.

Also noted it is exciting to see that the websites are being re-designed.

Principals Reports -

Barnet – Sam McLeod – some points highlighted from the report

- Theatrical production happening at the school. Peacham school will be attending.
- Had a 6th grade expedition to Dog Mountain. Students enjoyed it a lot.
- School community meeting was well attended.
- Finishing up some assessments.
- Working on some professional development.
- Working with All Learners Network.

Walden – Anthony Fontana - some points highlighted from the report

- Bridge building competition at LI was great. Walden brought back the number one award.
- Assessments completed.
- Modern times theatre doing a residency program at Walden.
- Bike trailer is at Walden this week. Students learn bike safety and can take the bikes out.
- Green up day is May 2nd. Students will participate with clean up.
- Pbis whole school celebration is planned.
- PTA just had another successful open gym.
- Field trips are planned.
- MTSS work continues.

Waterford – Chris Miller - some points highlighted from the report

- Finishing up assessments.
- Winter activities went great. Over 100 kids participated. Lots of parent involvement.
- CCSU art show taking place right now. Students have items on display.
- Vermont Rural Education Collaboration – advocates for rural education. Chris sits on the board. Waterford was able to receive some grant funds. These funds were approved for an outdoor campus.
- Book author is coming to do workshops with students in May.

Student Service Report – no discussion.

NEK Broadband Remote Terminal Site – Karen and Neil were present. Mike Bigelow also attended to help with any discussion on the new site. The new site plans were shared along with the easement template. Discussion on backup power. NEK is looking at a more alternative/greener backup power source. Question on who owns the liability? NEK Broadband holds the liability.

A **motion** to approve the easement for the NEK Broadband Remote Terminal Site presented by Bobbie Roy and seconded by Heather Mulligan. Motion passed.

Rural School Community Alliance – Margaret MacLean

Margaret gave an overview of the alliance and the purpose of its formation. This alliance is to give the rural schools and communities a voice. Currently 92 entities have voted to join the alliance.

Not on the agenda as an action item. The board can discuss if they would like to join the alliance. The board will have a special meeting on April 18th.

New Hire Recommendations:

Art Teacher for Waterford: Lily Dunbar – currently a .6 FTE at Danville. Will be a .4 FTE for Waterford.

A **motion** for the hiring of Lily Dunbar by Dan Gingue and seconded by Bobbie Roy. Motion passed.

School Therapist – Jennifer Farr, Waterford currently has Melanie Willis as a part time therapist, but she will be moving to Danville full time.

A **motion** to hire Jennifer Farr by Heather Mulligan and seconded by Brit Korsh. Motion passed.

Surveys that go out to school communities – what is the process and how does it work? Board discussed with admins the surveys that go out and the platform used.

Discussion about not using acronyms which those in the industry would not understand their meaning.

Board Retreat Date – August 11th 4 to 7 at Waterford.

Future Agenda Items:

- Box turtle project update
- Legislative update
- Hire updates
- Superintendent hiring authority for the summer

A motion to adjourn by Heather Mulligan.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Nicky Cole