

Unapproved
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
Full Board of Directors' Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2023 - 6 PM
Location- In person & Zoom

Call to order by Mark Tucker

Additions/Changes to Agenda: Patrick Healy presenting about Twinfield.

Reorganization of the Board

Board members primary & alternates present - Rory Thibault, Ellen Cairns, Clayton Cargill, Molly Gleason (Acting for Melissa Conly), Patrick Healy, Mark Kaufman, Mark Clough, Cornelia Hasenfuss, Sue Roberts, Jason Miller, Kilee Willey, Heather Mulligan (Alt), Andra Hibbert (Alt).

Board Chair – Clayton Cargill was nominated by Rory Thibault and seconded by Mark Kaufman. Nomination passed.

Vice Chair – Mark Clough was nominated by Sue Roberts and seconded by Patrick Healy. Nomination passed.

Clerk of the CCSU Board – Sue Roberts was nominated by Mark Clough and seconded by Ellen Cairns. Nomination passed.

Warrant Signer – Mark Kaufman was nominated by Mark Clough and seconded by Molly Gleason. Nomination passed.

Warrant Alternate Signer – Clayton Cargill was nominated by Ellen Cairns and seconded by Mark Clough. Nomination passed.

Board Chair authorized to sign contracts and warrants –a **motion** to authorize Clayton Cargill to sign contracts and warrants by Rory Thibault and seconded by Mark Kaufman. Motion passed.

Appointment of SU Board Rep to NEK Regional Advisory Board – Kilee Willey spoke on what the board does, she served this past year. Mark Clough was nominated by Mark Kaufman and seconded by Rory Thibault. Nomination passed.

Appointment of two (2) Board members to act on CCEA Sick Bank requests – Mark Tucker explained how the sick bank works within the CCEA. Melissa Conly & Jason Miller nominated by Mark Kaufman and seconded by Ellen Cairns. Nomination passed.

Designate official newspapers and posting locations: Will use the posting locations of each school district.

Discuss and adopt Code of Ethics – Done at district levels.

Communication practices & handling complaints – Discussed at district boards, nothing different to note for the SU board.

Set a regular board meeting schedule – 3rd Monday of even numbered months and at Danville School 6 PM.

Quorum – board discussion on what the quorum looks like for the SU board. A **motion** by Rory Thibault and seconded by Mark Clough that a quorum is more than half of the members with at least one representative from each district.

Approve minutes:

- February 20th, 2023

A **motion** to approve the minutes by Sue Roberts and seconded by Rory Thibault. Motion passed.

Administrative Reports

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

- Peacham School had PCB testing done – none present.
- New Statewide testing has started. The testing was rushed out, no time for training staff, students were not able to do any test runs.
- Project Aware (Advanced Wellness and Resiliency in Education)– Federal money available to schools. Mark will be applying for funds. Funds will cover a Coordinator at the SU level to develop the program.

Student Service Report – Mark Clough wanted Anne Landry to know that the boards appreciate her.

New Business

Approval of Perkins/267 Consortium Agreement – Funds for Tech Centers. Our districts can't use the money since we don't operate a CTE Center. The district receives funds, then the funds go to the tech center where the students attend. A **motion** to approve the Perkins/267 Consortium Agreement for FY24 by Mark Clough and seconded by Cornelia Hasenfuss. Motion passed.

C29-District Equity Policy – this is a recommended policy – CCSU can only recommend this policy for adoption by the districts.

A **motion** to adopt C29 District Equity Policy by Mark Clough and seconded by Rory Thibault. Motion passed.

Board discussion on how to monitor equity policies.

A **motion** that each district consider C29 by Mark Clough and seconded by Molly Gleason. Motion passed.

Superintendent Interim Hiring Authority - Mark Tucker spoke with the board on how CCSD does the hiring authority. CCSD board chair is involved with Mark on the hiring.

Mark noted this has been a difficult hiring season. Qualified candidates do not wait around.

A **motion** to grant interim hiring authority to the Superintendent who will have a discussion with the board chair by Mark Kaufman and seconded by Patrick Healy. Motion passed.

Superintendent Evaluation Planning – VSBA has a system that can be used to do the evaluation. The board will use the VSBA. Clayton will reach out to VSBA, and each district board will choose a committee member at their district meetings.

Other Business

VSBA/Legislative updates – Mark Kaufman spoke on house bill 486 regarding pcb testing remediation changes – is up in the air at this time. VSBA can adopt bill 486 which would put a halt on the pcb testing until better plans are in place. Mark Kaufman has concerns with the State forming a task force around this since it can drag at. Discussion on if the State puts the testing on hold while they do further review and planning, are students at risk for pcb exposure. Vermont has a low pcb threshold.

Mark Clough spoke on the Independent Schools Bill. Also, the proposal to have 3-year-olds as part of the school system has been pushed back.

Twinfield Presentation – Patrick Healy – some points highlighted:

- The towns of Marshfield and Plainfield make up Twinfield.
- Student count 329, staff count 94.
- Sports – blending a lot with Cabot and starting to blend with Danville as well.
- CVCC is where TUS students go for tech.
- Budget changes between FY23 and FY24.
- Mentoring program is very successful.
- Project based learning.
- New classes highlighted.
- Model UN.
- Working on community input.
- Hired a new co-principal for the school.

Board discussion on the mentor program that Twinfield runs.

Board also discussed having a retreat since the district boards all seem to have some of the same issues with getting community involvement, enrollment, and infrastructure of the schools.

Public Input - none

Future Agenda Items:

- CCSU Board Retreat
- Superintendent Evaluation Committee
- SU Hiring Update
- VSBA Update

Next regular meeting: Monday, June 19th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

A **motion** to adjourn by Rory Thibault and seconded by Patrick Healy. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Nicky Cole