

*Approved*  
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union  
**Caledonia Cooperative School District**  
**Full Board of Directors' Board Meeting**  
Meeting Location: Zoom & In person Meeting  
May 8, 2023, at 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Roy

Present: Dan Gingue, Kilee Willey, Jessica Roy, James Hemond, Sue Roberts, Hillarie Holbrook, Heather Mulligan, Jay Miller, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principals – Anthony Fontana, Luisa Millington, Chris Miller

**Consent Agenda –**

James Hemond had a citizen mention a concern on vaping in the school district.

Heidi Andrews – to become a Walden representative board member.

**Citizens or Staff to Be Heard** – none.

**Approve Minutes of the following meetings:**

- April 10, 2023

A **motion** to approve the April 10, 2023 by Sue Roberts and seconded by James Hemond .  
Motion passed.

**Reports**

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

- School Facility Analysis dates have been set for Walden and Waterford.
- Statewide testing is underway. Still dealing with a few technical issues.
- Letter of intent has been signed for Project Aware – social emotional learning/mental health services.
- Juul settlement – Mark met with Rose Sheehan who currently handles our Tobacco grant. Rose will see what good options are for the settlement funds. Board discussion on devices etc. that can detect vape fumes. At this point, they are vandalized, and students find a way around them.

**Principal Reports –**

**Barnet** – Some points Luisa highlighted – Programs are wrapping up for the year. They have been a great success. Students launched rockets. Students had a movie night and collected food vs charging for the event. Luisa shared videos from students with what they are working on. Crafting with Care program – students will be selling crafts – benefits Boston Children's Hospital. 7<sup>th</sup> graders had a career enrichment day. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will attend forensic science day at

the Montshire Museum. The school has a play coming up – two shows. Students will be doing beach cleanup. 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation preparations are being made.

**Walden** – Some points Anthony highlighted – Students did green up day – they loved it. PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> will be going to Echo in Burlington. Students are very excited to go. 8<sup>th</sup> graders did leadership training at North Woods. Getting graduation planned. Staff have been looking at data and reviewing the trends. Math and reading have had great growth.

**Waterford** – Some points Chris highlighted – Wellness awareness being worked on. Planted seeds in the gardens around the school. St Johnsbury Academy student did their capstone regarding and working on the hiking trails around the school. Several students showed up to rehab a bridge. This week's theme is nature and outdoors – students are making trail mix. Also doing some staff wellness. Teacher/staff appreciation week has been wonderful. 8<sup>th</sup> graders are doing a service trip – they will be cleaning up a cemetery. 8<sup>th</sup> graders are also going to UVM to visit. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will do zip lining for their class trip.

**Student Service Report** – no discussion.

**Curriculum Report** – no discussion.

### **New Business**

**Appoint a new board member for Walden** – Heidi Andrews has volunteered to accept the appointment.

A **motion** to approve Heidi Andrews by Kilee Willey and seconded by Dan Gingue. Motion passed. Heidi will serve until the next election, at which time she may choose to run for election to the remaining two years of this term.

**Additional PreK Classroom for Barnet** – Barnet is the only building with open space for the extra classroom. Board discussion on when enrollment will take place this year. Heather Mulligan asked if it would be possible for 3-year-olds who are not enrolled to occasionally attend for special events. Mark will check into that.

A **motion** to approve an additional PreK classroom in Barnet by Heather Mulligan and seconded by Kilee Willey. Motion passed.

**C29 District Equity Policy** – SU has recommended that districts adopt this. Mark Tucker went over what the policy is.

A **motion** to adopt C29 District Equity Policy by Sue Roberts and seconded by James Hemond. Motion passed.

**CCSD Election Date** – Board discussion on how the date was originally set (due to merger) and how to change the date. Board could hold a special election. Mark will put together a timeline for what a special election looks like.

**Improving Public Outreach** – Board has worked to get the public involved with the 3 schools since the merger. Schools have worked to have more parents involved and have hosted

community events. Discussion on posting school information in more locations. Will continue discussions and share ideas at the board retreat.

**Public Tuition Bill** – Mark does not believe it will pass this session. Sitting with the Senate right now.

**TAN** – Tax Anticipation Note. Mark explained the purpose of the TAN. It was put to bid and Passumpsic Savings Bank had the best option.

A **motion** to approve the TAN with PSB for \$1,834,362 by Dan Gingue and seconded by James Hemond. Motion passed.

**Superintendent Interim Hiring Authority** – Allows the Superintendent with the Board Chair to hire qualified candidates without having to wait for a board meeting. This will last until the September board meeting.

A **motion** to approve the hiring authority listed above by Dan Gingue and seconded by Kilee Willey. Motion passed.

**Superintendent Evaluation Committee** – will contract with the VSBA. Dan Gingue will represent the CCSD board on the committee.

**Executive Session** –

A **motion** to enter into Executive Session by Dan Gingue and seconded by Kilee Willey. Motion passed. 7:48 PM

Out of Executive Session at 8:08 PM – no action taken – only discussion.

**Roundtable** – board members went around the table and shared thoughts.

**Future agenda items:**

- CCSD Election Date
- Public Tuition Bill

Looking at August 14<sup>th</sup> as the Board Retreat Day.

Move to adjourn by Sue Roberts.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Nicky Cole