

Approved Minutes
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
Danville School District, Peacham School District
Caledonia Cooperative School District (Barnet, Walden & Waterford Schools)
PEACHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 3, 2023
In person & by Zoom Meeting 5:30 PM

In Attendance: Mark Clough, Cornelia Hasenfuss, Andra Hibbert, Alex Maclean, Dan Devine, Superintendent Mark Tucker, Principal Sam McLeod

Call to order by Mark Clough at 5:30 PM

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A **motion** to approve the above minutes by Cornelia Hasenfuss and seconded by Andra Hibbert. Motion passed.

Principal's Report – Sam was present to highlight a few items in his report.

- Building projects – K/1 structure being installed in the spring. Project is grant funded.
- Installing a year-round greenhouse. Sam was able to piece together some small grants to make the project happen.

Question on if student reps will be doing anymore meetings? Yes – Pre-K is next.

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

- The House has proposed a pause in the PCB testing program. If approved, the delay is for anyone that testing has not started. The schools that are already in the process, which includes all schools in CCSU, are still moving forward. Most important to CCSU is the unresolved funding for remediation.
- Waiting on test results for Peacham School.
- Crisis Planning Training in Waterbury – Sam is attending with Mark Tucker and a few others.

Discussion on the vaping challenges for students entering High School. Education on the dangers of vaping is under consideration upon receiving a settlement in a class action lawsuit.

Student Service/Curriculum Report – no discussion.

Board Discussion

Retreat Planning (Discussion/Set the date) – June 28th 9 – Noon. Board discussion on retreat ideas. Sam would like to look at a program that shows student testing growth.

SY 2023-24 Reciprocity (Discussion/Action) Mark Tucker explained what the agreement details. Two students from Barnet who had been attending Peacham under reciprocity recently withdrew for Home Study. Mark and Sam have told the family they have forfeited their eligibility for reciprocity and cannot return to Peacham if they leave Home Study. Board consensus is that it is an appropriate position.

A **motion** by Andra Hibbert and seconded by Cornelia Hasenfuss that if a family/student that is involved in the agreement leaves the district to attend another school or to be homeschooled, they will no longer be part of the reciprocity agreement. Motion passed.

A **motion** to allow the reciprocity agreement that is currently in place to stay in place for SY 23-24 with the families involved by Cornelia Hasenfuss and seconded by Andra Hibbert. Motion passed.

Sam gave the current number of students that are still part of this reciprocity agreement. With the departure of the two students mentioned above, that number will be down to two (2) next school year.

Board discussion on student count this year and what it is looking at for next year. Discussion on PreK and allowable size. Discussion on the importance of having 3- & 4-year-olds in PreK at this age.

VSBA Update (Discussion) – Things are quiet right now.

Public Comment – none

PTF worked very hard for the auction.
Discussion on community engagement being down across society.

A **motion** to adjourn by Andra Hibbert and seconded by Cornelia Hasenfuss. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nicky Cole