

BARNET – DANVILLE – PEACHAM – WALDEN
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union

**PEACHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

November 13, 2017 – 5:30pm

Location: Peacham School

Board Present: Mark Clough (Board Chair), Jessica Philippe, Adam Kane, Mike Heath, Cornelia Hasenfuss

School Administration: Ashley Gray (Principal), Mat Forest (CCSU Superintendent)

Community:

1. Call to Order by Mark Clough at 5:35pm

2. Agenda Changes

- Cornelia Hasenfuss would like to add discussion of the school schedule calendar to the meeting agenda.
- Jess Philippe would like to add discussion about nominating members to the newly created superintendent evaluation subcommittee.

3. Public Input none

4. Approval of Minutes - October 9, 2017 (Action)

- Adam Kane makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 9th, 2017, Cornelia seconds, motion passes

5. Administrative Reports

a. Superintendent's

- Mat Forest brings to the Board the recent Alice Training taking place in a regional effort. It's a shift from the past in training in safety and crisis training for school staff and teachers. Mat has had initiative meetings with Alice trainers and other administrators within the region to collaborate on putting these systems in place.
- Mark inquires about the Caledonian Record article recently published that mentions the incorrectly published expenses numbers. Mat clarifies that although the projected savings were incorrect, there are still savings for the towns and communities.

b. Principal's

- Ashley Gray provided the data report from intervention of math and literacy. There are some transgressions that occurred from over the summer. The way assessments are interpreted and the way data is collected will be continued to be worked on.
- One day of nordic skiing at Craftsbury was added to the Winter Wellness program. In total there will be three days of swimming, one day of nordic skiing, and four days of Burke skiing.

5. Old Business

a. Finalize Informational Forum Meeting

- The mailer has gone out which was well received by the community. The Board discussed the continuity in services by joining the proposed 3-by-1 Caledonia Cooperative district.

b. Non-union Employee Health Insurance Cost Decision

- Mat Forest notes that this new health insurance plan is across the board. Negotiations are now finished and teachers are satisfied with the reasonable options made available.

- Jess makes a motion to accept the Health Insurance Plan for Non-union Employees as written in the financial report, Adam seconds, motion passes
- The Board discussed current tuition vouchers, what was budgeted, and potential tuition vouchers projections for next year.
- The Board discussed the diverse needs and services students from all backgrounds need in any school and any environment. Ashley spoke on the various school staff and teachers providing math and literacy intervention right now, which doesn't necessarily make as big of impacts as one interventionist position would justify.
- Mat speaks to focusing on continuing to provide the needs of students, both with general and special education, in the earlier stages of education to help prevent remedial services that in turn cost more. The Board agreed that it's important not to summarize the needs of education to just numbers.
- c. Heating System Update**
- The grant for upgrading the heating system was approved. The plan to work on this will begin over the summer.
- d. Marketing Committee Update**
- Cornelia met with an interested community member who could help with Board-Community communications. Adam suggests looking into school review sites.
- e. Communication to the Community from the Board Update**
- The Board is doing what it can to mobilize and get its information to the community and public.
- f. Board Retreat Review and New Work Plan**
- Mark will have more information on the review and new work plan at the next meeting.
- g. Renewable/Solar Energy Plans**
- Jeac is still looking for a third party candidate to collaborate with the solar energy plans. Mike suggests considering the economic factors of having a third partner involved or not.
- h. Parking Lot Lighting Update**
- Poles and back lighting are on backorder and will arrive soon. They will be installed for the school as well.

6. New Business

- a. Half Day before December Break**
- Last year right before December break all schools had a half day, this was not scheduled this year. With coordination of the PTF Committee providing afternoon day care, the school will provide a half day of instruction and then enjoy the afternoon to go caroling.
- Cornelia makes a motion to change December 21st, 2017, from a full day to half day of school, enabling the PTF to provide after school care of library activities and caroling, Mike seconds, motion passes
- b. Temporary Board Member Sub Committee seat**
- This is for a sub committee coming together that will evaluate the superintendent's performance. Once the evaluation takes place the committee will be done its work. The Board Members that make up this new sub committee are formed from other CCSU school board members. Cornelia volunteers to be a backup substitute for this sub committee.
- Mark clarifies this is not to reinvent the wheel when it comes to evaluating the superintendent. It will be a collaborative effort to properly assess the superintendent's goals and meeting those goals.

7. Future Agenda Items

- Diet and nutrition in the food program
- Marketing committee update

8. Board adjourned at 7:05pm, Jess motions to adjourn, Adam seconds, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,
Sabra Anne Snyder

