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Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
Caledonia Cooperative School District
Full Board of Directors' Board Retreat
Meeting Location: In person at Sue Robet's House
August 14, 2023 at 4:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Roy at 4:02pm

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

Consent Agenda – Add updates from principals about hiring, how schools are looking for the start of the year. Do this after public comment

Citizens or Staff to Be Heard – none.

Principal Reports –

Waterford - have an applicant for the science position, pellet boiler has been installed

Walden - Looking for 3 hires (PreK para, 1:1 para in PreK, intervener (for deaf blind), new water softeners are in - hoping they will pass water

Barnet - 3 positions – 5th grade - Nancy Bailey; para anticipated (might get BI, janitor position)

Superintendent Report –

- Mark noted that we are exploring the possibility of applying for a State grant to replace the oil heat system at Barnet with a wood pellet system. No decisions yet, will bring this to the board for formal action if we get past the initial application stage, but there was general consensus that this should be pursued.
- There are also a couple remaining Special Services positions open, but none that directly affect school operations.

Retreat -

Jessica asked if any changes were needed to the Meeting Norms. No changes noted at this time.

Jessica reviewed the previous year's goals. Special emphasis on community building with the schools was noted as successful. Of note dance, Hulbert, kids connecting across towns out of school. Discussion on how to extend the community building into the wider community in the three towns, including the difficulty of generating contacts beyond families with children in the schools. Printing newsletters and putting them in the West Barnet store was a popular idea. Lots of ideas about shared activities – art show, music show, skiing program, something special for each grade level

Board goal for next school year: Embracing and celebrating community engagement through experiential learning/events

Broke for dinner at 5:10pm

Meeting called back to order at 5:50.

Executive Session - A **motion** to go into Executive Session to discuss a contract matter affecting personnel by Dan Gingue. Seconded by Heather. Motion carried and the Board went into Executive Session at 5:55

Out of Executive Session at 6:33 PM No action on the matter discussed in Executive Session.

Some discussion about whether to ask the voters to change the District voting date from April to March (Town Meeting day). Dan noted that this is not an emergency concern that requires a special election. The Board will discuss again at its September meeting, and may want an article on the April ballot that, if adopted, would move up the election date to March in the 2025 cycle. Dan also noted that there may be some advantage to the District to be voting a month later than the rest of the Districts, because that gives the Board and the administration an extra month to focus on CCSD business.

Future agenda items:

Jessica noted that the Board Goal should be on the monthly agenda going forward.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Tucker