

**CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
CALEDONIA HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS CENTER  
AUGUST 16, 2021**

**MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order** – Board President White called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3. Roll Call – Secretary Pro Tem, Barber Garcia, called the roll.**  
Present: Asper, Barber Garcia, Clement, Morris, Saidoo, White  
Absent: Isic arrived at 6:12 pm
- 4. Consent Agenda**
  - a. Motion by Saidoo and supported by Barber Garcia that the board approves the consent agenda as presented:
    1. July 19, 2021 Minutes
    2. August 2021 Personnel Report
    3. Review of July PayablesAyes: Asper, Barber Garcia, Clement, Morris, Saidoo, White  
Nays: None
- 5. Reports and Information**
  - a. Climate Survey Results - The executive director of student achievement presented the summary of parent, student and staff results from Spring 2021.
  - b. MDHHS and Kent County Health Departments August 13th COVID-19 Guidance Update - The superintendent shared with the board back to school guidance that is currently in place for the start of the 2021/2022 school year. He also shared communications that were sent from state and national organizations and the guidance that they are recommending for K-12 school mitigation strategies. Discussion took place on potential changes to the district's mitigation strategies and how or when that may be needed while balancing parent rights and all students safety.
- 6. Discussion Items**
  - a. Transportation Camera and GPS System - Recommendation to the board from the Operations and Transportation department for a full upgrade of cameras on all buses. The board will be asked to vote during the action item portion of this agenda.
  - b. 2020 Bond Authorizing Resolution, Series II - The chief financial officer spoke of the need to authorize the issuance of the Series II portion of the 2020 Bond. The board will be asked to vote on this resolution during the action item portion of this agenda.

- c. 2021/2022 Student Handbooks - Executive director of student achievement informed the board there are no policy changes relating to the updates in the students handbooks for this school year. The board will be asked to accept the handbooks during the action item portion of this agenda.
- d. District/School Improvement Plans- The current process from the MDE is in transition and the district is waiting on the state to fully rollout the new platform format.

## **7. Board and Superintendent Reports**

- a. Curriculum and Learning Committee - The committee chairperson shared the highlights of the topics reviewed during the meeting which included:
  - i. Curriculum adoption update related to the Reproductive Health committee
  - ii. Cancellation of Cal Connected online programming do to low enrollment
    - 1. This fall meetings will take place with homeschool families to gauge how best the district can support them for 22/23.
- b. Finance and Operations Committee - The committee chairperson shared the highlights of the topics reviewed during the meeting which included:
  - i. Potential property acquisition
  - ii. Issuance of Series 2 Bond
  - iii. Community Center bids
    - 1. Groundbreaking ceremony being planned
    - 2. Community participation in naming the facility
  - iv. Bus camera upgrades
  - v. Technology needs at CHS FAC
  - vi. YMCA before an after school care
  - vii. Teacher vacancies
- c. Policy Committee - The committee chairperson shared the highlights of the topics reviewed during the meeting which included:
  - i. Review of policies regarding controversial issues, communicable disease and pandemic/epidemic events.
  - ii. Review of items submitted by a board trustee regarding public access to board policy, parental civil rights, curriculum and instruction.
  - iii. Discussion items took place regarding a community survey and student SEL survey.  
There were no items to move forward to the full board for August.
- d. Board Reports - The president reminded the board to sign up for the first home football game concessions. The treasurer shared that he believes in this board that has good members who respect each other.
- e. Superintendent Report -
  - i. The superintendent spoke to the board about the current lack of flexibility in the pupil accounting system that districts had during the 20/21 school year as the pandemic measures have been removed for 21/22.
  - ii. A question was raised about stimulus money for infrastructure and it has been determined that it does not apply to public schools. The

grant will pay for staffing but will only be in place for three years which is not sustainable.

- iii. Construction will continue into the start of school but we will be ready to welcome students next week.
- iv. Invited the community to be a part of the naming process of the new athletic center.

**8. Interested Citizens/Public Comment** - The following submitted a request to address the board:

- a. Aaron Goodyke - CEA report
- b. Carrie Graveel - Covid policies
- c. Ben Johnson - Covid policies
- d. Victoria Perry - Covid policies
- e. Walker Oppel - Covid policies
- f. Betsy Oppel - STEM and Curriculum
- g. Tom - Covid policies
- h. Melissa Owens - Covid policies
- i. Gerrienne Schuler - Covid policies
- j. Rebekah Markham - Covid policies
- k. Mya Collins - Family Sports Pass
- l. Elliana McCullough - Covid policies
- m. Debbie Soliz - Covid policies
- n. Sarah Mahoney - Covid policies
- o. Amy VanLente - Social and Emotional Health
- p. Aimee Sutherland - Constitutional Oath
- q. Jason Gyorki- Covid policies

**9. Action Items**

**a. Transportation Camera and GPS Comment**

- i. Motion by Saidoo and supported by Clement, that the Board approve the Superintendent to enter into final negotiations and sign contracts for the installations of school bus camera and GPS equipment as recommended.

Ayes: Asper, Clement, Barber Garcia, Isic, Morris, Saidoo, White  
Nays: None

**b. 2020 Bond Authorizing Resolution, Series II**

- i. Motion by Morris and supported by Saidoo, that Board authorize the issuance of the 2021 School Building and Site Bonds, Series II (General Obligation-Unlimited Tax)(Federally Taxable) not to exceed \$24,045,000.

Ayes: Asper, Clement, Barber Garcia, Isic, Morris, Saidoo, White  
Nays: None

**c. 2021/2022 Student Handbooks**

- i. Motion by Saidoo and supported by Barber Garcia, that Board accept the 2021/2022 student handbooks with the changes as presented.

Ayes: Asper, Clement, Barber Garcia, Isic, Morris, Saidoo, White  
Nays: None

**10. Adjournment**

- a. Motion by Clement and supported by Morris to adjourn at 8 p.m.

I hereby certify that the attached are a true copy of the approved minutes of a regular board meeting held on the 16th day of August 2021, and that said approved minutes have been available to the public at the address designated on the posted public notice of said meeting from and after the 27th day of September 2021.

**Julie Asper, Secretary**  
**Board of Education**