



**CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BOARD ROOM
FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – President White called the committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call – Secretary, Isic, called the roll.

Present: Barber Garcia, Brandow, Isic, Morris, Nichols, Saidoo, White
Absent: None

4. Public Comment - None

5. Superintendent Report - The Superintendent shared preliminary information for the Ralph E. Meyer football stadium renovation.

- a. Student Data Review - The Director of Secondary Education shared student data for this school year including absenteeism, early literacy skills, reading skills, mathematics and national norms.
- b. “Filter First” Legislation - The Executive Director of Operations and Transportation spoke to the mandated water testing and filter requirements that are now in place for school districts to implement by the 25/26 school year.

6. Discussion Items - Anticipated Board Consideration, 3/15/2024

- a. Dutton ES Construction Change Order - The Executive Director of Operations and Transportation is confirming that the anticipated undercutting has been required as predicted at the Dutton Elementary construction site and will require a change order from the 2023 Bond funds.
- b. Emmons Lake IP Paging Project - The Director of Technology shared information regarding the replacement of the building

paging system at Emmons Lake Elementary which will be funded through the 2020 Bond funds.

- c. School Safety Grant Purchases - The Director of Technology explained the scope of this project addresses areas of school safety which were identified throughout the district during the district safety assessment. Among the areas being addressed in this proposal are: security cameras, indoor/outdoor IP speakers, strobe light indicators, video intercoms and door access controls. This is funded by the Section 97 School Safety Grant of 2022/23.
- d. Textbook Adoption - The Director of Secondary Education presented the textbook being recommended for the Advanced Placement Government class at the high school. The textbook will be available for public review and interested individuals can come to the Administration Offices during business hours or by appointment.
- e. Other Items as Needed
 - i. Status of the Caledonia Township transfer of property is close to being finalized.

7. Discussion Items - Anticipated Board Consideration, 2/26/2024

- a. 2024 Bus Purchase - The Executive Director of Operations and Transportation reported no changes in the information that was previously provided.
- b. Schools of Choice - The Superintendent gave an overview of the state school of choice options.
- c. Finance Management System - The Superintendent shared on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer the need to implement a new financial management system as the current vendor has been bought by a new company. A thorough vetting process has taken place and a recommendation will be brought to the Board at the February Board meeting.
- d. Purchase Agreement Amendment - The Superintendent explained the district has received an amendment to the current purchase agreement for the 76th street property.
- e. Future Committee of the Whole Dates - The Board President suggested the trial period for the current Board structure remain in place until May and then be re-evaluated.
- f. Superintendent Contract - The Board President stated that discussion would not take place until the Board and Superintendent had an opportunity to review the latest version.

8. Board Comments

- a. YMCA lease agreement for Caledonia Community Center.

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Barber Garcia and supported by Nichols to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

I hereby certify that the attached are a true copy of the approved minutes of a board committee of the whole held on the 21st day of February 2024, 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 4th day of March 2024.

Katie Isic, Secretary
Board of Education