

Regular Meeting

October 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District was called to order by the President, at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle/High School Chorus Room.

Members present: Chris Richter, Liz Doll, Liz Dietrich, John Bickford, Mike Balonek and Arnie Rychlicki

Members absent: Jamie Fitch

Others present: Robert Molisani, Superintendent; Jeremy Nardone, Business Administrator; Rebekah Chenaille, MH Principal; David Bulter, Elementary Principal; Michele Meyer, Elementary AP; Megan Rogers, Director of Pupil Services, and Susan Voos, District Clerk.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Balonek and seconded by Bickford, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Minutes 9/12/2023
2. General Fund Warrants #13, 15, 16, 18 (65624-65782)
3. School Lunch Fund Warrant #3 & 4 (106524-106543)
4. Federal Fund Warrant #3 & 4 (2418-2425)
5. Capital Warrant #4 (2594-2495)
6. Extra Classroom Treasurer's Report – August 2023
7. CSE Recommendations

Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

V. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence – None. Mr. Richter announced this is Mr. Dave Bulter's last board meeting before his retirement and thanked him for his service.

2. Guests of the Board --Auditor, from Mengel, Metzger, Barr and Co. LLP, Prior to tonight's board meeting, the Audit Committee met. The auditor from Mengel, Metzger & Barr reported that the results for the 2023-24 school year were good. He stated the financial contributions were fine, there were no significant deficiencies, finances are good, and overall the District is doing what they should be doing to manage funds.

3. Public Forum - None

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Proposed 2025 Capital Project Presentation – Mr. Molisani highlighted some of the proposed work of the project with emphasis being on academics and safety. In the elementary school, the major goal is to focus on technology and high-cost improvements such as roof, windows, and an added secure entryway. In the middle/high school, the focus will be boiler and auditorium upgrades, an innovation center, and also a more secure entrance. Mr. Molisani reported that this capital improvement project will have no cost impact on the community and all information will be posted on the website.

2. 3-8 ELA and Math State Test Presentation – Mr. Bulter and Dr. Chenaille reviewed their state testing results and were pleased with how we compared to the region's 22 schools. The state tests are new exams this year which include the next generation standards.

3. Enrollment Data

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of Gift to the School District

Motion by Rychlicki and seconded by Balonek that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the gift of a monetary donation to the Kindergarten grade level. This is accordance with the Board Policy #5230.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried (Mr. Bickford not present for vote)

2. Amending the 2023-24 Substitute Rate

Motion by Balonek and seconded by Dietrich that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve amending the sub rate per attachment.

Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

3. Capital Improvement Project Resolution

MOTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CALEDONIA-MUMFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT") AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL MEETING THEREOF TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 5, 2023

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District, Livingston County, New York (the "District") proposes to have the District undertake a capital improvement project consisting of alterations, renovations and improvements to the District's school buildings and associated facilities, including improvements to the District's elementary school and middle/high school, to enhance the safety, efficiency, and functionality of its buildings and facilities, including site improvements for various school purposes, and other appurtenant and related improvements, and the acquisition and installation in and around the foregoing improvements of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and technology improvements, and preliminary and incidental costs related thereto (collectively, the "Capital Project"), all at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$15,230,000, with such cost being raised by the expenditure of \$2,750,000 from the District's existing "2022 Building Capital Reserve Fund" (said fund being established pursuant to a proposition approved by the qualified voters of the District on May 17, 2022), and with the balance thereof, not to exceed \$12,480,000, being raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be offset by New York State aid available therefore, and in anticipation of such tax, by obligations of the District as may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board, acting as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations thereunder (6 NYCRR Part 617) (collectively, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted on August 8, 2023 determined that (i) the actions to be undertaken as part of the Capital Project constitutes a "Type II" action within the meaning of SEQRA and, as such, (ii) no further actions under SEQRA need be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education now intends to schedule a special meeting of the qualified voters of the District to be held on December 5, 2023 for the purpose of voting on a proposition on whether to authorize the District to undertake the Capital Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CALEDONIA-MUMFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A special meeting of the qualified voters of the District shall be held in the District Office of the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District located at 99 North Street,

Caledonia, New York 14423, on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, with the polls to be open between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting upon the following proposition:

PROPOSITION #1

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District, Livingston County, New York (the "District") be authorized to undertake a capital improvement project consisting of alterations, renovations and improvements to the District's school buildings and associated facilities, including improvements to the District's elementary school and middle/high school, to enhance the safety, efficiency, and functionality of its buildings and facilities, including site improvements for various school purposes, and other appurtenant and related improvements, and the acquisition and installation in and around the foregoing improvements of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and technology improvements, and preliminary and incidental costs related thereto (collectively, the "Capital Project"), all at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$15,230,000, with such cost being raised by the expenditure of \$2,750,000 from the District's existing "2022 Building Capital Reserve Fund" (said fund being established pursuant to a proposition approved by the qualified voters of the District on May 17, 2022), and with the balance thereof, not to exceed \$12,480,000, being raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be offset by New York State aid available therefore, and in anticipation of such tax, by obligations of the District as may be necessary.

Section 2. Said special meeting shall be called by the publication of a notice of special meeting substantially in the form attached to this resolution as Exhibit A. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said notice of special meeting, in the manner required by law, in the Livingston County News, a newspaper of general circulation within the District.

Section 3. Voting on the above referenced proposition shall be by paper ballot with the full text of such proposition appearing thereon.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows.

	AYES	NAYS
Chris Richter	yes	
Elizabeth Doll	yes	
John Bickford	yes	
Arnie Rychlicki	yes	
Jamie Fitch	absent	
Michael Balonek	yes	
Elizabeth Dietrich	yes	

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted by a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays

4. American Rescue Plan and State Reserves - Mr. Nardone stated that every six months the business administrator is required to report on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to the board and give an update on what the CRRSA ESSER and GEER grant money is being used for.

5. Acceptance of the Annual Audit Report

Motion by Balonek and seconded by Bickford that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the Annual Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, as prepared by Mengel, Metzger, Barr and Co. LLP, Raymond F Wager CPA, PC, Division of.
Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

6. Corrective Action Plan per the Management Letter from the Independent External Audit Report

Motion by Balonek and seconded by Bickford that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Corrective Action Plan per the Independent External Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

7. Award of Bid - Capital Outlay Project

Motion by Bickford and seconded by Dietrich, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, award the Capital Outlay Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Amering & Johnston.
Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

8. School Bus Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement

Motion by Rychlicki and seconded by Bickford that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement with the York Central School District, regarding the transportation of students in the event of a driver or bus shortage for the 2023-2024 school year per attached resolution.
Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

9. School Bus Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement

Motion by Rychlicki and seconded by Bickford that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement with the LeRoy Central School District, regarding the transportation of students in the event of a driver or bus shortage for the 2023-2024 school year per attached resolution.
Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Bickford and seconded by Dietrich that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 6:56 PM to discuss the employment and employee history of particular persons and confidential student records protected by FERPA.
Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

IX. PERSONNEL

1. Appointment of Extra-Curricular Advisors

Motion by Bickford and seconded by Dietrich that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the updated Extra-Curricular Advisors for the 2023-24 school year, per attachment.
Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

2. Appointment of Accounts Payable position

Motion by Bickford and seconded by Dietrich that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Betty Lou Buckley to the civil service part-time clerk position, effective September 26, 2023.
Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

3. Approval of Substitute

Motion by Bickford and seconded by Dietrich that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Meg Geer as substitute nurse in both buildings for the 2023-24 school year.
Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

4. Appointment of Long-term Substitute M/HS Special Education Teacher

Motion by Bickford and seconded by Dietrich that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Amanda Yanik to a long-term substitute position as M/HS Special Education teacher, effective on or about November 6, 2023.

Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

5. Permanent Appointment of Cafeteria Monitor

Motion by Bickford and seconded by Dietrich that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Ashley Guess to a permanent civil service position of Cafeteria Monitor effective October 24, 2023.

Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

6. Appointment of Coaches

Motion by Bickford and seconded by Dietrich that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the updated Coaching Staff for the 2023-24 school year per attachment.

Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

7. Approval of School-to-Work Students

Motion by Bickford and seconded by Dietrich that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following school-to-work students for the 2023-24 school year:

Kaylee Klein--bus garage (A days block 2)
Braeden Fonte--bus garage (B days block 2)
Shaylee McDonald--maintenance HS (B days block 5)
Logan Karn--maintenance HS (A days block 6)
Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

Motion by Rychlicki and seconded by Dietrich that the Board of Education return to regular session at 7:40 pm.

Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bickford and seconded by Balonek that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting of October 10, 2023, at 7:43p.m.

Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried

Susan J. Voos, District Clerk