



**CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BOARDROOM
FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order** – President, Morris, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3. Roll Call** – Secretary, Isic, called the roll.

Present: Barber Garcia, Brandow, Collins, Isic, Kohn, Morris, Nichols
Absent: None

4. Student Representative

- a. The student representative shared highlights of events at the high school along with a list of extra-curricular achievements.

5. Public Comment

- a. The board heard comments from the community.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion by Barber Garcia and supported by Kohn, that the board approves the consent agenda as presented:
 1. January 27, 2025 Organizational/Regular Minutes
 2. February 19, 2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes
 3. January 2025 Payables
 4. February 2025 Personnel Report

Ayes: Barber Garcia, Brandow, Collins, Isic, Kohn, Morris, Nichols
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

7. Superintendent Report

- a. Cal Community Center Grand Opening - Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 4:00 for the ribbon cutting ceremony, with open houses to follow Friday through Sunday.
- b. Food Service Audit Update - The audit update was shared.
- c. Other Items - A variety of student accomplishments were shared.

8. Action Items

- a. School Bus Purchase
 - i. Motion by Kohn and supported by Brandow, that the board approve the purchase of three (3) 2025 77-passenger School Buses; One (1) 47-passenger specialized bus and two (2) 10-passenger vans as presented at a total cost of \$744,092.

Ayes: Isic, Collins, Brandow, Kohn, Nichols, Barber Garcia, Morris
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

- b. Bond 2023 - Paris Ridge Playground
 - i. Motion by Barber Garcia and supported by Kohn, that the Board approves the district to enter into a purchase agreement with Sinclair Recreation for the supply, installation, and renovation of playground elements and surfacing at Paris Ridge Elementary School for \$389,786.94.

Ayes: Collins, Isic, Kohn, Brandow, Barber Garcia, Nichols, Morris
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

- c. 2025 Technology Bond Projects
 - i. Motion by Barber Garcia and supported by Brandow, that the Board approve the following vendors to initiate contracts for the following bid categories and amounts:

District-Wide Copier Purchase	Applied Innovation	\$541,360.14
High School North Paging System Replacement	Town & Country Group	\$175,560.00
Classroom Instructional Technology Upgrades	Bridges Audio Visual	\$473,824.00
Low-Voltage Structured Cabling	Shareco Communications	\$113,145.00

Ayes: Barber Garcia, Nichols, Collins, Isic, Kohn, Brandow, Morris
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

- d. Schools of Choice Resolutions
 - i. Motion by Kohn and supported by Nichols, that the Board approve the resolution to opt out of Section 105 and Section 105c and to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

Ayes: Kohn, Brandow, Barber Garcia, Nichols, Collins, Isic, Morris

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

9. Discussion Items - Anticipated Board Consideration, 03/17/25

- a. Dutton Elementary Furniture Package - As a part of the 2023 bond program the construction of the new Dutton Elementary School included outfitting the school building with appropriate new furnishings for students and staff. Working very closely with our Architect designer, Principal Veitch, and Operations we have selected a package of furniture and fixtures that addresses the broad spectrum of student population in the building.
- b. Caledonia Elementary Abatement - As a part of the 2020 bond program we are providing renovations and remodeling of the Caledonia Elementary School, scheduled for this summer (2025). The renovation work will include flooring, ceilings, painting, and technology. There is a volume of Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) present in the project areas that will require abatement services prior to the renovations. These areas include flooring tile, flooring adhesives (mastic), ceiling tiles, and ceiling tile adhesives.
- c. Technology Network Switches - The purpose of this project is to provide network connectivity to support devices being purchased in the HS IP Paging and Classroom Instructional AV Technology projects as well as for the new Dutton Elementary School.

10. Board Comments

- a. Adopt-A-Road Program - Since 2016, the Caledonia Board of Education has demonstrated its commitment to community service by participating in the Kent County Road Commission's Adopt-A-Road program. As part of this initiative, the Board adopted the section of Kraft Avenue between 100th and 92nd Streets, taking responsibility for its upkeep.

11. Closed Session

- a. Material Exempt from Discussion - MCL 15.268(h)

Motion by Barber Garcia and supported by Kohn that the Board convenes in closed session as permitted under the Michigan Compiled

Laws 15.268(h) to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Ayes: Isic, Collins, Brandow, Kohn, Nichols, Barber Garcia, Morris

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

The Board met in closed session at 6:42 p.m.

Motion by Barber Garcia and supported by Brandow that the Board reconvenes in regular session.

Ayes: Collins, Isic, Kohn, Brandow, Barber Garcia, Nichols, Morris

Nays: None

Motion Carries.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 7:10 p.m. with no action being taken during closed session.

12. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Barber Garcia and supported by Nichols to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

I hereby certify that the attached are a true copy of the approved minutes of a regular board meeting held on the 24th day of February 2025, 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 24th day of March 2025.

Katie Isic, Secretary
Board of Education