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Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2014

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, April 14, 2014 in the Board meeting room at Squires Educational Center and called to order at 7:00 p.m., as Vice President Pompey welcomed those attending.

Roll Call: Members Present: John Bright, Jeremy Carlisle, Lori Whitmyer, George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Jason Pompey

Member Absent: Scott Ward

Also present: Tracy Hertsel, Dee Voss, Robyn Bright, Cindy Martynowicz, members of the staff, community and press.

Jeremy Carlisle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda - **Moved by** Jeremy Carlisle, **supported by** John Bright to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Whitmyer, yes; Carlisle, yes; Bright, yes; Pompey, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jeremy Carlisle to approve the minutes from the regular meetings of March 24, 2014, as written. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Whitmyer, yes; Carlisle, yes; Horstmann, yes; Bright, yes; Calvert, yes; Pompey, yes.

Communications or correspondence – None.

Reports, Information Items from School Staff –

Sam Adams Elementary School / Voss: Mrs. Voss distributed a summary of survey responses. This survey was given to parents and the results help them see where the building is going.

Food Service / Bright: Mrs. Bright said that over spring break ceiling tiles were installed in the kitchen. She has started working on her summer meal contract with the state. Also, the 4-Rangers received a new grant and have asked the district to serve their students through the summer meal program.

Public Comment – None.

New Business – Discussion Item

Consideration to non-renew non-tenured administrator – Mr. Hertsel said that at this time he is requesting the Board consider to non-renew Mr. Sieko’s contract due to administrative performance deficiencies. There were no questions from Board members.

New Business – Action Item

Hirings – **Moved by** Jeremy Carlisle, **supported by** John Bright that the following positions are awarded: Iraida Maldonado, Bus Driver, 5 hours per day; and, Patty Waldschmidt, Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional, 3.5 hours per day. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Carlisle, yes; Bright, yes; Whitmyer, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Pompey, yes.

Old Business – Action Item

Approve consideration to non-renew non-tenured administrator – **Moved by** Lori Whitmyer, **supported by** John Bright that it is hereby resolved the Board adopt the attached resolution considering the non-renewal of a non-tenured administrator for administrative performance deficiencies. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Bright, yes; Horstmann, yes; Carlisle, yes; Whitmyer, yes; Pompey, yes.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Hertsel reported as follows:

- Thanked those that worked the Foundation’s fundraiser last Saturday night. The money raised goes right back to the kids through scholarships or into the classroom for teachers through mini-grants.
- Invitations were sent to students from recent competitions, inviting them to the next Board meeting for recognition. We will have a reception for them starting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym and then the teams will be introduced during the Board meeting.
- Gave a construction update for Ross Beatty JSHS, the bleacher project for the football stadium and Sam Adams ES.

Mr. Bright said he walked through the junior senior high school and was very impressed with the work being done. He thanked Mr. Hertsel for getting us through this process.

Mrs. Whitmyer said she spoke with Carrie George and as of last week she knew of almost 120 kids that are interested in attending the ag school next year.

Mr. Hertsel said that next week our Counselor will attend a training session for the new student information system and next year’s schedules will be put together. The schedules will be out much earlier than in recent years.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education it was **moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jeremy Carlisle to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. All in favor.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary