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Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 28, 2016

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, March 28, 2016 in the Board meeting room at Squires Education Center and called to order at 7:00 p.m., as President Ward welcomed those attending.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Lisa Cutting, George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Deb Deubner, Amanda Smego, Jesse Binns, Scott Ward

Members Absent: None

Also present: Tracy Hertsel, Becky Smith, Jeremy Carlisle, Dee Voss, Dave VanLue, Robyn Bright, John Bright, Cindy Martynowicz and member of the community

Lisa Cutting led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda – **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Deb Deubner to approve the agenda, as presented. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** George Calvert to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 14, 2016 as written. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Communications or correspondence – None.

Reports, Information Items from School Staff –

Sam Adams Elementary School / Voss: Mrs. Voss distributed winter data from the 2013-14 MEAP, 2015-16 M-STEP, 2013-14 MEAP and 2015-16 M-STEP tests for Board members to review. There was discussion about the results from each test being different. Mrs. Voss said that while the test results do not reflect apples to apples comparisons, they in fact are progressing in all areas.

Ross Beatty Jr Sr High School / VanLue: Mr. VanLue said that he participated in Saturday's dodgeball tournament which was a great fundraiser for Project Graduation. Mr. VanLue said he is using the Annual Education Report (AER) as a recruitment tool for the district and will attach the MI School Data to the letter. Mr. VanLue said they completed the first after school intervention program and was glad to report they saw some progress with students that attended regularly. The next program begins on April 11th. Mr. VanLue listed various upcoming events.

Public Comment – None.

Financials – **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** Jesse Binns that the Board of Education approve the payment of bills for the month of February, 2016, as follows: General Fund \$275,763.17; Food Services Fund \$39,340.41; Sinking Fund \$72,000.00; Debt Service Fund \$500.00; and, 2015 Bond Capital Projects Fund \$16,202.98. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Discussion Items – Mr. Hertsel asked Tony Leininger, Carmi Design Group, to present these three discussion items.

Review Re-Bids for running track improvements – Mr. Leininger said this project had no bidders the first time around, but there were two on the re-bid. He listed items that will be included with the project and then reviewed the budget and construction cost summary.

Review High School Basketball Hoop Assembly Replacement – Mr. Leininger said that two bids were received on this project. He reviewed the project and the cost.

Review High School & Elementary School Masonry Improvements – Mr. Leininger said there were five bidders on the masonry project. He reviewed the specifics on this bid.

Old Business – Action Items

Act on bid recommendation for running track improvements – **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** Jesse Binns that it is hereby resolved that the bid from C&E Excavating Company is accepted as follows: Base bid \$332,415.00; Alternate A-1 \$4,600; and Alternate A-2 \$71,680.00 for a total not to exceed \$408,695.00. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Binns, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Ward, yes.

Act on bid recommendation for high school basketball hoop assembly replacement – **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** Deb Deubner that the base bid from C&M Associates in an amount not to exceed \$35,370.00 is accepted. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Horstmann, yes; Binns, yes; Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Ward, yes.

Act on bid recommendation for high school & elementary school masonry improvements – **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** Lisa Cutting that the bid from Ziolkowski Construction is accepted as follows: Base bid, Alternate A-1 and Alternate A-2, in an amount not to exceed \$307,843.00. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Action Item

Hirings – **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert that the following positions are awarded: Alisha McCoy, elementary level summer school teaching position, and Adrianna Narvaez, JV Softball Coach. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Smego, yes; Binns, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent Report – Mr. Hertsel reported as follows:

- Attended the Region VII Superintendent’s meeting and the State Superintendent was also there.
- There will be several railroad crossing closures coming up soon and he would keep the Board informed when more information is available.
- Last Thursday Cassopolis was well represented at a United Way celebration.
- The Foundation raffle will be on April 16th, 6 pm at the VFW.
- Last week Eric Tamashasky from the St. Joseph County, IN police presented to grades 5-12 on social media problems.
- Thanked Project Graduation for organizing last Saturday’s dodgeball tournament as it was a huge success.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education it was **moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jesse Binns to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. All in favor.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary