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Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 23, 2016

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, May 23, 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: Amanda Smego, Deb Deubner, Lisa Cutting, George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Scott Ward

Members Absent: Jesse Binns

Also present: Tracy Hertsel, Becky Smith, Dave VanLue, Dee Voss, Cindy Martynowicz, community members and the media

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** 6-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Lisa Cutting to approve the minutes from the special meeting of May 2, 2016, as written. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Horstmann, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Communications or correspondence – None.

Reports, Information Items from School Staff – Shelly Johnson and a student from her Advanced Art class presented a PowerPoint of their recent trip to Chicago's Museum of Art.

Ruth Andrews and a student from the Michigan History team spoke about their upcoming trip to Washington DC for national convention and their fundraising efforts.

Public Comment – None.

Financials – **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** George Calvert that the Board of Education approve the payment of bills for the month of April, 2016, as follows: General Fund \$240,685.18; Food Service Fund \$45,946.80; Debt Service Fund \$1,265,516.19; and 2015 Bond Capital Projects Fund \$45,677.17. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Discussion Items

Request for Band Overnight Field Trip to Central Michigan University – Sean Keck, Band Director, presented his request for the high school band to visit CMU as they did last year for an intensive band camp.

Graduation dates for 2017, 2018 and 2019 – Mr. Hertsel said he is recommending that we look at holding graduation for these years on the Sunday after Memorial Day.

School Start Date for 2016-17 – Mr. Hertsel said that he is proposing to start school the day after Labor Day rather than on a Wednesday as we have in recent years.

Request for 90 day leave of absence without pay – Mr. Hertsel said that Mrs. Vite has asked for a 90 day leave without pay and that she will evaluate her situation after that time. He said the Board has done this in the past for other employees.

Pending Sale of Red Brick School and Property – Mr. Hertsel thanked Mr. Ward and Mr. Carlisle for attending the Jefferson Township Zoning Board meeting about this property. He is asking for a 2-week window so once the clear title is secured we will be ready to move forward.

Old Business – Action Items

Act on Request for Band Overnight Field trip to Central Michigan University – **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** George Calvert that the request for the High School band to visit Central Michigan University from July 18-23, 2016 is approved. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Act on request for 90-day leave of absence without pay – **Moved by** Amanda Smego, **supported by** Deb Deubner that Linda Vite’s request for a 90-day leave of absence without pay is approved from April 25, 2016 to July 25, 2016. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Smego, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Act on Pending Sale of Red Brick School and Property – **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** Deb Deubner that the Superintendent is authorized to work with legal counsel to develop a 2-week window bid format for the sale of the Red Brick building and property. The Superintendent is further authorized to develop bid restrictions that reflect the best interests of the district and community. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Action Item

Hirings – **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** Lisa Cutting that it is hereby resolved that the positions for Elementary Summer School Teachers are awarded to: Cristy Ernst, Lindsay Gorham, Cheryl Rogers and Alisha McCoy. Also that the administration recommends EduStaff hire Lindsey Carlisle and Katie Stermer for additional summer school teaching positions. Be it further resolved that the position of Middle School Track Coach is awarded to Stephon Luckey, the position of Middle School Football Coach is awarded to Nick Davis, and the position of Varsity Girls Basketball Coach is awarded to Janice Gatson, as recommended by the Athletic Director. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent Report – Mr. Hertsel reported as follows:

- Thanked everyone that helped work on graduation and helped make it such a success.
- Ask any Board member able to attend the Adult Education dinner to please let him know tonight.
- Gave a brief update on construction at the high school.
- Wished Becky Smith the best of luck as she returns to a school district in Indiana after June. He said that he would get a committee meeting scheduled to look at options for moving forward.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education it was **moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Deb Deubner to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. All in favor.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary