

Cassopolis Public Schools  
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Board of Education  
Minutes  
Special Meeting  
January 30, 2017

This special meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, January 30, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room at Squires Education Center and began at 6:00 pm as President Ward welcomed those attending.

Members Present: Lisa Cutting, George Calvert, Sue Horstmann (arrived at 6:14 pm), Deb Deubner, Amanda Smego, Jesse Binns and Scott Ward

Member Absent: None

Also present: Robyn Bright, Bonnie Adams, John Bright, Dave VanLue and Cindy Martynowicz

Amanda Smego led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda - **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jesse Binns to approve the agenda, as presented. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Binns, 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 January 23, 2017 regular meeting, as written. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Reports and Informational Items from Staff – Mr. Ward said that in last week's Personnel Committee meeting there was discussion about sending a survey to staff and community members to see what they are looking for in our next Superintendent. A survey was sent to all staff and several community members last week, and survey results were distributed to Board members. Mr. Ward asked Board members take a few minutes to review the survey results.

Mrs. Horstmann arrived at this point in the meeting.

Public Comment – None.

Request to go into closed session – **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jesse Binns to go into closed session at 6:23 pm for the purpose of determining candidates that are not qualified for consideration.

**Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

The Board returned to open session at 6:46 pm.

**Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** Lisa Cutting, to remove Candidate #4, 8, 15 and 18 from consideration as they did not meet the qualifications for Superintendent. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Smego, yes; Binns, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Review/Discuss Remaining Candidates – Board members received resumes from the remaining candidates and, referring to them by their identifying number only, reviewed and discussed each to determine who the Board would like to interview.

After extensive discussion, it was the general consensus of Board members as follows:

To notify candidates #1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24 and 25 that they were not selected for an interview.

And, to notify candidates #3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 20 and 23 that they were selected for an interview.

The Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, February 6 to determine questions to be asked of candidates. This process will be done by using identifying numbers for the questions rather than to openly discuss the questions themselves. Interviews were tentatively set for the evenings of Monday, February 13 and Wednesday, February 15.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education it was **moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Lisa Cutting to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. All in favor.

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Susan Horstmann, Secretary