

**Cassopolis Public Schools
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**Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 9, 2017**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, October 9, 2017 in the Board meeting room at Squires Education Center, and called to order at 6:30 p.m., as President Ward welcomed those attending.

Roll Call: Members present: George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Jesse Binns, Lisa Cutting, Deb Deubner, Scott Ward
Member absent: Amanda Smego
Also present: Dr. Angela Piazza, Karen Blaha, Jason Messner, Cindy Martynowicz, students, parents, staff and community members

Deb Deubner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ward welcomed all to tonight's meeting of the School Board of Education. He stated that the purpose of this public meeting is to conduct the business of the School Corporation and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation as indicated by the agenda.

Mission: To ensure that all students achieve the educational and life skills necessary to be successful in today's ever-changing society.

Vision: All students will demonstrate the academic, technological, and cultural competencies necessary to compete in a global society.

We will keep these statements at the forefront of all business decisions.

Approval of the Agenda – **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jesse Binns to approve the agenda, as presented. **Motion carried**, 6-0 as follows: Horstmann, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** George Calvert to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2017 meeting, as written. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Piazza thanked students and parents for attending tonight's meeting.

Curriculum Update: Mrs. Blaha distributed information and reviewed a program that she and Dr. Piazza have been working on "Building College and Career Pathways". This proposed program would let high school students know what programs may be available in various areas at college and tech centers. These would include School of Business and Informational Technology, School of Communication and Fine Arts, School of Engineering and Industrial Technology, School of Health and Natural Sciences, and School of Human Services.

Mrs. Blaha then distributed a copy for review of the Cassopolis Public Schools Reading Achievement Plan, which coincides with the 3rd Grade reading law. This plan shows alignment between the District Reading Achievement Plan and the School Improvement Plan, Literacy Vision and Mission Statements, Why a Reading Achievement Plan is Needed, Measurable Student Performance Goals, Action Plan, Support for Students, Support for Teachers and, Support for Parents.

Building & Grounds/Operations Update: Mr. Messner distributed information on monies spent to date on the FFA Ag Barn. We are now at the completion phase of the project. Mr. Messner reviewed the timeline for Indiana Michigan Power's work, which was: Primary overhead line completion by 10/17/17; underground and transformer completion by 11/1/17; and underground to meter base mounted on building, 10 working days after the service passes inspection. Mr. Messner said that electrical service to the meter base and electrical panel mounted and wired would be done immediately; indoor electrical done 30 days after the bid offer is accepted. Mr. Messner then reviewed the costs to finish the barn which totaled between \$20,500-22,500, depending on the final heating chosen for the barn.

Board Committee Reports:

Athletic – No report.

Building & Grounds/Transportation – No report.

Curriculum – Ms. Cutting said that the committee met tonight on items that Mrs. Blaha just reviewed. Ms. Cutting said that she is very excited about the direction our school is going and how it will help our students and families.

Personnel/Finance – No report.

Public Comment: None.

New Business – Action Items:

Hire SADD Advisor: **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** Lisa Cutting to award the position of SADD Advisor to Teresa Wellman. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Hire Junior Class Advisor: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert to award the position of Junior Class Advisor to Emily Quinn. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Deubner, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Hire Varsity Soccer Coach: **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** Lisa Cutting to award the position of Varsity Soccer Coach to Kevin Waldschmidt. **Motion carried** 5-0-1, as follows: Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Deubner, abstain; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Discussion Items:

5th Grade Request for Overnight Trip to Camp Friedenswald: Jessica Struble and Renee Newland were present to request the 5th Grade students be allowed to attend camp again this year. This year's camp will be held from May 16-18, 2018. Also attending will be Amy Pike, the third teacher for 5th grade. Mrs. Struble said that the trip is an amazing opportunity for the students and they are requesting approval.

FFA Request for Overnight Trip to National Convention: Mrs. Asmus reviewed the request for the FFA Ag Issues Team to attend Nationals in Indianapolis. The trip would be from October 24-27, 2017. Students on the Ag Issues Team are from 11th and 12th Grades, plus one student that graduated in 2017.

At this time, the Ag Issues Team gave their presentation which is entitled: Genetic Engineering: Dangerous to Your Health or Beneficial to Society? The presentation was followed by questions from Board members to Ag Issues Team members.

FFA Request for Overnight Trip for Fall Conference: Mrs. Asmus said that this request is to attend Fall Conference in East Lansing and would be from November 8-9th. This is a leadership development event focusing on personal and community growth. Attending would be students from 8-11th Grades.

FFA Request for Overnight Trip for Green & White Day: Mrs. Asmus said this event will be held at the MSU Pavilion from January 26-27, 2018. This would be an opportunity for students to enhance their agriculture knowledge. They would have the opportunity to personally grow by competing in leadership and educational events. Attending would be students from 8-12th Grades.

Resolution for the Sale of the Red Brick Property: Dr. Piazza said that this resolution and the accompanying Purchase Agreement was provided to Board members with their agenda packet. This item would be an action item at an upcoming Board meeting.

Old Business – Action Items:

FFA Request for Overnight Trip to National Convention: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert to approve the request of FFA to attend National Convention in Indianapolis, IN from October 24-27, 2017. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items:

October 10	Half Day for Students, Teacher PD in Afternoon
October 23	Regular BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Squires Education Center
October 26	Half Day for Students, Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 27	No School for Students, Parent/Teacher Conferences

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education it was **moved by** George Calvert and **supported by** Jesse Binns to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary