

**Cassopolis Public Schools
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**Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 23, 2017**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, October 23, 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, Amanda Smego, Jesse Binns, Lisa Cutting, Deb Deubner, Scott Ward

Member absent: None

Also present: Dr. Angela Piazza, Jerry Zachary, Forrest Glasper, Karen Blaha, Jeff Wernette, Glen Barr, Cindy Martynowicz, and staff member

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

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2017 regular meeting, as written. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Piazza said that there will two reports tonight, Curriculum and Technology.

Curriculum Update: Mrs. Blaha distributed information regarding coaching cycles and processes that she has been working with teachers on She reviewed the various steps involved in the process. Mrs. Blaha said that she meets with groups of teachers or, when invited, meets with individual teachers. There were a few questions of Mrs. Blaha by Board members.

Technology Update: Mr. Glasper gave an update on the district's fiber installation. We are currently working with Midwest and they are having a few issues maintaining consistent speeds. They are looking into this and once speeds are consistent we will begin the conversion. Mr. Glasper said the access points are close to being complete at the elementary and the project should be finalized yet this week. He provided an e-rate update also. Mr. Glasper said he attended a PowerSchool conference last week. It was very informative and he was glad to be able to attend. Mr. Glasper said he is looking into devices for K-1 or K-2. They will obtain quotes for 1 to 1 rollout and will give the Board more information when those quotes are received.

Board Committee Reports:

Athletic – Mrs. Deubner updated the Board on district events going on now as fall seasons wind down.

Building & Grounds/Transportation – No report.

Curriculum – No report.

Personnel/Finance – No report.

Public Comment:

Sean Keck, Band/Choir Director, distributed an update from his department. He thanked the Board for their help in acquiring the new sousaphone and said he is anxious for the other two sousaphones to be added in the coming years. Mr. Keck thanked the Board for their help renovating the football field concession stand. Mr. Keck said that the 5th grade band has record high numbers, but they were still able to make sure that all of the new band students have an instrument and the Band Booster Fund was also used to repair instruments as needed. Mr. Keck said that he purchased a used vibraphone for the high school this past weekend and he plans to use it first for the holiday concert. Mr. Keck then updated the Board that the Ranger Band received 3rd place at the Otsego Invitational and won best marching; they also scored a Division II rating at the MSBOA District VI Marching Band Festival. Lastly, Mr. Keck provided Board members with a budget summary of the band's previous three years.

New Business – Action Items:

Hire: **Moved by** Amanda Smego, **supported by** George Calvert that upon successful completion of her probationary period, Kimberly True is awarded the position of Secretary at Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Discussion Items: None.

Old Business – Action Items:

2016-17 Audit: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** Jesse Binns that the 2016-17 audit is approved, as presented. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Deubner, yes; Horstmann, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

5th Grade Request for Overnight Trip to Camp Friedenswald: **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** George Calvert that the 5th Grade request to visit Camp Friedenswald from May 16-18, 2018, is approved. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

FFA Request for Overnight Trip for Fall Conference: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert that the FFA request to attend Fall Conference in East Lansing, MI from November 8-9, 2017, is approved. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

FFA Request for Overnight Trip for Green & White Show: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert that the FFA request to attend the Green & White Show at the Michigan State University Pavilion from January 26-27, 2018, is approved. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items:

October 26 Half Day for Students, Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 27 No School for Students, Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 13 Regular BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Squires Education Center

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 6:59 p.m.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary