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Board of Education
Minutes
Special Meeting
February 15, 2017

This special meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, February 15, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room at Squires Education Center and began at 5:30 pm as President Ward welcomed those attending.

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

Member Absent: None

Also present: Staff members, Cindy Martynowicz and member of the press

Jesse Binns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda - **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jesse Binns 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** Deb Deubner to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2017 special meeting, as written. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent Interviews – Mr. Ward asked that the first candidate be called.

First Interview – Angela Piazza introduced herself. Dr. Piazza is currently the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education at Goshen Community Schools. Dr. Piazza reviewed her educational experience. Mrs. Martynowicz read a series of questions which were answered by Dr. Piazza. After that time the candidate was allowed an opportunity to ask questions of the Board. Dr. Piazza’s interview ended at 6:34 pm. The Board took a brief recess.

Second Interview – Timothy Donahue was the second candidate interviewed. Mr. Donahue is currently the Superintendent at Potterville Public Schools. He went over his past educational experience. Mrs. Martynowicz read the list of questions which were answered by Mr. Donahue. At the conclusion of answering the prepared questions the candidate was allowed an opportunity to ask questions of the Board. Mr. Donahue’s interview concluded at 7:45 pm. The Board took a brief recess.

Third Interview – Corey Helgesen was the next candidate interviewed. Dr. Helgesen is currently the K-12 Principal and Superintendent at Litchfield Community School District. Dr. Helgesen went through his educational experience. Mrs. Martynowicz asked the interview questions which were answered by Dr. Helgesen. After that, the candidate was allowed an opportunity to ask questions of the Board. Dr. Helgesen’s interview concluded at 9:10 pm. The Board took a brief recess.

Public Comment – At this time the Board heard public comment.

Discussion regarding individual interviews – At this time the Board discussed the seven Superintendent interviews and the next step in the process. It was decided to have a special meeting on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm. At this meeting the Board will discuss the interviews and determine which candidates to bring back for a second interview.

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 9:38 pm. All in favor.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary