

**Cassopolis Public Schools  
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**Board of Education  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
February 27, 2017**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, February 27, 2017 in the Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium, and called to order at 5:30 p.m., as President Ward welcomed those attending.

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

Member absent: None

Also present: Tracy Hertsel (until 5:37 p.m.), staff and community members, Cindy Martynowicz and member of the press

George Calvert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the 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** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** Lisa Cutting to approve the minutes from the February 20, 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.

Communications and correspondence – None.

Reports, Information Items from School Staff – None.

Public Comment – None.

Financials – January, 2017 – **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** Jesse Binns, that the January, 2017 payables are approved as follows: General Fund \$244,621.66; Food Service Fund \$19,892.16; and, 2015 Bond Capital Projects Fund \$126,392.33. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Smego, yes; Binns, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Discussion Item

Robotics request for overnight trip – Mr. Hertsel said that this is the annual request for Robotics to attend the contest which is being held this year at Grand Valley State University.

Old Business – Action Item

Robotics request for overnight field trip – **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert, that it is hereby resolved the Robotics request for an overnight trip to Grand Valley State University for the West Michigan First Robotics District Competition from March 23-25, 2017 is approved. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Hertsel Gave an update on the track project as well as on security systems. There will be an Honors assembly this Thursday at Ross Beatty. Grades 9-12 will be at 8:35 a.m. and Grades 7-8 will be at 9:45 a.m. The girls' basketball team plays this Wednesday at Watervliet.

Superintendent Interviews – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round –

Angela Piazza, Patrick Weckel, Corey Helgesen and Tina Lawson - Each of the four candidates were interviewed separately, in this order. Each candidate was asked the same set of pre-prepared questions which were read by Mrs. Martynowicz. The Board was then given a chance to ask each candidate additional questions. After this time, the candidate was afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Board.

Mrs. Deubner left the meeting at 10:15 p.m., due to her work schedule.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board discussed next steps. They decided to meet again on Wednesday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. to determine the finalists and what site visits will be scheduled.

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 10:25 p.m.

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Susan Horstmann, Secretary