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Board of Education
Minutes
Special Meeting
February 6, 2017

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

Members Present: Deb Deubner, George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Scott Ward, Jesse Binns (arrived at 6:12 pm)

Members Absent: Lisa Cutting, Amanda Smego

Also present: Tracy Hertsel, Dave VanLue, Bonnie Adams, Cindy Martynowicz and press

George Calvert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda - **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** Sue Horstmann to approve the agenda, as presented. **Motion carried** 4-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes – **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** Deb Deubner to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2017 special meeting, as written. **Motion carried** 4-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Reports and Informational Items from Staff – None.

Public Comment – None.

Mr. Binns arrived during discussions noted below:

Discuss questions for upcoming Superintendent interviews – Mr. Ward said that he asked this be on the agenda for discussion. He also had questions from prior Superintendent searches sent to Board members and would suggest getting that list of 38 questions down to 10-15. Doing so would give Board members an opportunity to ask rebuttal questions. More specific questions will be addressed on 2nd interviews to those chosen to advance. The questions were reviewed in detail and it was determined to have 12 questions, which would allow time for more input from the candidates and also for the Board to ask additional questions. Mr. Ward asked Mrs. Martynowicz to update this list of questions and send to Board members for their review.

Old Business – Action Item

Region 6, Board of Directors Nomination- **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** Sue Horstmann that Cassopolis Public Schools ballot for MASB's Region 6 Board of Directors be in support of Candidate Scott Ward. **Motion carried** 4-0-1, as follows: Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Deubner, yes; Binns, yes; Ward – abstained.

New Business – Action Items

Accept Donation for Robo Rangers – **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert that it is hereby resolved the \$2,000 donation for Robo Rangers from Valerie Pompa is accepted with much appreciation. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Hiring – Sophomore Class Advisor – **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jesse Binns that the position of Sophomore Class Advisor is awarded to Rachele Ward. **Motion carried** 4-0-1, as follows: Deubner, yes; Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, abstained.

Hirings – Academic Intervention Program Teachers – **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** Jesse Binns that the following teachers be approved for the Academic Intervention Program: Elementary – Desiree Mooney, Cristy Ernst and Cheryl Graham; and, Secondary – Kylee Ridge, Jessica Pompey and Amber Loy. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Binns, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Hertsel reported as follows:

- On Wednesday, he will attend the National Technical Induction Day at Van Buren Tech Center. Cassopolis has 4 students being recognized.
- Wednesday is the supplemental count day for 2016-17.
- Invited guests to stop in at Robo Rangers to see their progress.
- FFA Regionals will be a week from Thursday at Olivet.
- Gave an update on the security project and said he will request a Building & Grounds Committee meeting when a bit further along with the project.

Mr. Ward thanked Board members for coming to tonight's meeting. He appreciates the diligent work the Board members have put in during this process. He reminded all that the interview questions are confidential.

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 6:53 pm. All in favor.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary