

**Cassopolis Public Schools
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**Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 13, 2017**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, March 13, 2017 in the Board meeting room at Squires Education Center, and called to order at 7:00 p.m., as President Ward welcomed those attending.

Roll Call: Members present: Lisa Cutting, George Calvert, Deb Deubner, Amanda Smego, Scott Ward
Member absent: Sue Horstmann, Jesse Binns
Also present: Tracy Hertsel, Dee Voss, Bonnie Adams and Cindy Martynowicz

Amanda Smego led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda – **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Deb Deubner to approve the agenda, as presented. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Calvert yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert that the minutes of the March 1, 2017 special meeting are approved, as written. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Communications and correspondence – None.

Reports, Information Items from School Staff –

Sam Adams Elementary School / Voss: Mrs. Voss distributed information compiled from NWEA test results. This information showed the number of at-risk students, by grade level, that scored as “gifted and talented” in math and reading. Another page of the handout showed the percentage of students in each class that qualified for at-risk or 31a services. There was discussion between Mrs. Voss and Board members on this information.

Public Comment – None.

New Business – Discussion Items

Report from Finance Committee – Mr. Ward said that in Mrs. Horstmann’s absence, he would update the Board on the past two Finance Committee meetings. The committee first met with Dr. Piazza and asked what she would like to see in her contract and also reviewed differences in contract language between Indiana and Michigan. At the second meeting, committee members worked on proposed contract language. The proposed contract was sent to legal counsel for review. As many changes were going to be needed, legal counsel was requested to prepare the document for final review and we are waiting for that information. Mr. Ward said that information on the proposed contract terms is available and if Board members wish, they can contact Mrs. Martynowicz for specifics. At this point, the contract is preliminary. It will be shared with Dr. Piazza when returned from legal counsel.

New Business – Action Item

Hiring – **Moved by** Amanda Smego, **supported by** Deb Deubner that Jeff Wernette be named the Varsity Golf Coach, as recommended by the Athletic Director. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

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

- The Rangers had a great week last week with winning boys' basketball districts, FFA state competition and Robotics competitions.
- Robotics will compete again March 23-25th at Grand Valley State University. The robot did very well at their first competition in St. Joseph, MI.
- At the FFA State convention last week, Ag Issues won first place and will advance to nationals. Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team came in 2nd and Hailey Wellman won a Silver Award.
- Gave an update from tonight's Building & Grounds Committee meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education it was **moved by** George Calvert and **supported by** Deb Deubner to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary