

**Cassopolis Public Schools**  
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**Board of Education**  
**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 22, 2017**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, May 22, 2017 in the auditorium at Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School 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, Jesse Binns, Scott Ward

Member absent: Sue Horstmann

Also present: Tracy Hertsel, Dee Voss, Dave VanLue, Deb Stermer, Cindy Martynowicz, students, staff members and community members, and press

Deb Deubner 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** 6-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** George Calvert to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2017, as written. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Communications and correspondence – None.

Reports, Information Items from School Staff – Mr. Hertsel introduced coaches from recent special events who asked students from their teams to come forward to receive an item of recognition from the Superintendent. Teams recognized were the Spelling Bee teams from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades; the 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science Olympiad and Robotics.

Public Comment – None.

Financials – April, 2017 – **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** George Calvert, that the April, 2017 payables are approved as follows: General Fund \$245,331.37; Food Service Fund \$30,352.11; Sinking Fund \$47,177.30; Debt Service Fund \$1,310,310.19; and, 2015 Bond Capital Projects Fund \$75,873.01. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Binns, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Discussion Item

Kindness Project Presentation – At this time, Deb Stermer, Denise Gendron, Cristy Ernst, Mark McGlothlen, Emily Kozinski and Amy Steinman presented the Kindness Project that has been in place at Sam Adams Elementary since February 1. Each person gave information about the project and the positive impact it has had on students in the building.

Resolution Designating District's Election Representative to Lewis Cass ISD – Mr. Hertsel said that the Board is to determine the district's two recommended representatives to the Lewis Cass Board. There was some discussion. This is to be voted on later in the meeting.

Lease Agreement for Land Rental at Red Brick and Ross Beatty properties – Mr. Hertsel said that Mr. Ward wanted to make sure the district has a legal agreement for the rental of these properties. The prior agreement was sent to legal counsel and the Board now has a full agreement to consider for adoption.

#### Old Business – Action Items

Request for MI History Team to attend nationals in Washington, DC- **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Deb Deubner that it is hereby resolved to approve the Michigan History Team attending National Competition in Washington DC from June 10-16, 2017. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Lewis Cass ISD 2017-18 Budget Resolution- **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Lisa Cutting that it is hereby resolved the 2017-18 Lewis Cass ISD Budget is approved, as presented. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Binns, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Resolution Designating District's Election Representative to Lewis Cass ISD – **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** Jesse Binns that it is hereby resolved that Cassopolis Public Schools Board of Education cast its two representative votes, both for six-year terms ending June 30, 2023 to Lewis Cass ISD's Board for Candidate Dwight Dyes and Candidate Heather Zile. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Lease Agreement for Land Rental at Red Brick and Ross Beatty properties – **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** George Calvert that it is hereby resolved that the Board approve the lease agreement for 2017 through 2019 for properties at Red Brick School and Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

#### New Business – Action Items

Summer School Teacher Hire – Cristy Ernst – **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert that Cristy Ernst be hired as a summer school teacher for the 2017-18 summer school program. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Summer School Teacher Hire – JT Laraway – **Moved by** Amanda Smego, **supported by** Deb Deubner that JT Laraway be hired as a summer school teacher for the 2017-18 summer school program. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Summer School Teacher Hire – Lindsay Gorham – **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** Deb Deubner that Lindsay Gorham be hired as a summer school teacher for the 2017-18 summer school program. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

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

- Reminded Board members that end of year activities is included in each Friday update through the end of the school year.
- Wednesday the Title I audit will be held in the business office
- Dr. Piazza will sit in on interviews for the Adult/Alternative Education Director Thursday afternoon.

- The Seniors last day is this Friday.
- The spring band concert will be Tuesday night.
- Would like to schedule a Finance Committee meeting for June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., if possible.

Expulsion Hearing – **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Lisa Cutting to go into closed session at 8:04 p.m. for the purpose of an expulsion hearing. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

The Board returned to open session at 8:37 p.m.

**Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jesse Binns to expel Student “A” for 180-school days for violating school rules. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Binns, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

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 8:38 p.m. All in Favor.

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Susan Horstmann, Secretary