

**Cassopolis Public Schools
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**Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2017**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, May 8, 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, Jesse Binns, Scott Ward
Member absent: Sue Horstmann, Amanda Smego
Also present: Tracy Hertsel, Angela Piazza, Bonnie Adams, Robyn Bright, John Bright, Cindy Martynowicz, and a community member

Lisa Cutting 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** 5-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** George Calvert to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 24, 2017, as written. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Communications and correspondence – None.

Reports, Information Items from School Staff – None.

Public Comment – None.

New Business – Discussion Items

Lewis Cass ISD 2017-18 Budget Resolution- Brent Holcomb, Superintendent at Lewis Cass, ISD, presented their proposed 2017-18 General Education and Special Education budgets. Mr. Holcomb reviewed the basic budgets, stating that they are planning some capital projects, adding to their vehicle fleet and also plan to add a Social Worker to help the local districts. This will be an action item at the May 22nd meeting.

Request to purchase buses – Mr. Hertsel said that he and Mr. Bright went to Midwest Transit Equipment in Marshall, MI a couple of a week ago to look into purchasing four buses. They have a proposal for the Board which they recommend be adopted for the purchase of these four buses.

Mr. Bright said that the state inspector was in district last week and some buses received yellow tags, of which most were corrected already. He discussed results of the inspection. If this request is approved by the Board, it would be paid off on a five-year plan and if passed would mean all the district buses with regular routes would be less than five years old.

Request for MI History Team to Travel to Washington, DC for Nationals – Mr. Hertsel said that he has reviewed specifics of this request and would recommend approval. The team qualified for nationals through the state competition which was held last month. This will be an action item at the May 22nd meeting.

Old Business – Action Item

Request to purchase buses – **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase four 77-passenger school buses from Midwest Transit Equipment with five annual payments at a cost of \$58,256 per year. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Binns, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

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

- Thanked the Bright's for attending the International Robotics Competition. Said it was a great experience for the students.
- Thanked Mr. VanLue for representing the district at the BCS Conference honors luncheon.
- Mr. Brawley has been very busy rescheduling events due to the weather.
- Thanked Dr. Piazza for attending tonight and said they have dates on the calendar over the next few weeks that she will be in district to help smooth the transition.

Mr. Ward thanked Mrs. Brawley, Mr. Brawley and Mr. VanLue and those that helped to put on prom this year. He and his wife attended and it was a very enjoyable event.

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 7:30 p.m.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary