

**Cassopolis Public Schools  
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**Board of Education  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
August 14, 2017**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, August 14, 2017 in the Board meeting room at Squires Education Center, and called to order at 6:30 p.m., as President Ward welcomed those attending.

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

Member absent: Jesse Binns

Also present: Dr. Angela Piazza, Karen Blaha, Brooke Brawley, John Bright, members of the community, staff and press

George Calvert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ward welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda – **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Deb Deubner to approve the agenda as presented.

**Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** Sue Horstmann to amend the agenda by adding a new action item X, E, Access Points.

The first motion to approve the agenda as presented failed 5-1, as follows: Horstmann, no; Cutting, no; Smego, no; Calvert, yes; Deubner, no; Ward, no.

The second motion to amend the agenda passed 6-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

**Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Sue Horstmann to approve the agenda, as amended. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Cutting, yes; Horstmann, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** Sue Horstmann to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting, as written. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent's Report:

Acknowledgement of Retiree – Dr. Piazza presented Mrs. Robyn Bright's gift of appreciation upon her retirement to her husband, John, who will see that she receives it.

Academic Update – Mrs. Blaha and Mrs. Brawley presented information from their meeting with building principals and assistant principals last week. It was their first professional learning session.

Summer Projects Update – Mr. Bright thanked his staff for the great work this summer. Mr. Bright then gave updates on projects. The district’s new Food Service van and the district’s four new buses arrived last week. Mr. Ward called for a five-minute recess so all could go outside and see the vehicles. The Board then returned to session.

Board Committee Reports:

Athletic – Mrs. Deubner said she had talked to Mr. Brawley about having a student led sportsmanship statement specific to Cassopolis and having a student read the statement before each athletic event. She plans to meet with him about this in the near future.

Building & Grounds/Transportation – Dr. Calvert said that technology needs to be looked at and this committee is meeting later this month. Mr. Ward asked if a separate committee should be set up for technology. Dr. Calvert said he prefers to start this discussion at a Building & Grounds Committee meeting.

Curriculum – Ms. Cutting said that there is a meeting scheduled and she will have more information then.

Personnel/Finance – Mrs. Horstmann said that the Finance Committee met prior to this meeting and during meeting discussion were made aware of a couple of items to bring to the full Board. Mrs. Horstmann asked Mr. Bright to explain further.

Mr. Bright explained the background and why this is being added to tonight’s agenda. He would like to see the project start now rather than wait.

Public Comment: None.

Financials – June, 2017: **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** George Calvert to approve the June, 2017 financials, as follows: General Fund \$356,779.67; Food Service Fund \$73,513.43; Sinking Fund \$56,467.70; and, 2017 Bond Capital Projects Fund \$104,201.14. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Action Items

Hire Food Service Director: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** Lisa Cutting that Glen Barr be awarded the position of Food Service Director, effective August 15, 2017. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Mr. Barr said he is looking forward to working in the district.

Hire Operations / Building & Grounds Supervisor: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** Sue Horstmann that Jason Messner be awarded the position of Operations/Building & Grounds Supervisor, effective August 21, 2017, contingent upon results of a background check. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Horstmann, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Mr. Messner thanked the Board for this opportunity and said he is looking forward to help take the school district to the next level.

Hire Transportation Supervisor: **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** Deb Deubner that Gerald Zachary be awarded the position of Transportation Supervisor, effective August 15, 2017. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Mr. Zachary said that he has learned a lot from Mr. Bright and others throughout the school system and is glad for the opportunity.

Hire Technology Director: **Moved by** Amanda Smego, **supported by** George Calvert that Forrest Glasper be awarded the position of Technology Director, effective August 21, 2017, contingent upon results of a background check. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Mr. Glasper said that he is looking forward to getting started, and bringing his technology expertise to the district.

Access Points: **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** Deb Deubner, to approve the work at Sam Adams Elementary School be completed based on technology needs, in an amount not to exceed \$40,499.76. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Discussion Item:

NEOLA replacement policy #5630.01, Student Seclusion and Restraint: Dr. Piazza said that this is a policy replacement on school personnel handling student seclusion and restraint. This will be brought back for action at the next Board meeting. She said that staff will be trained on the changes to this law.

Old Business – Action Item: None.

Miscellaneous Board Items: Ms. Cutting thanked Dr. Piazza and Mrs. Blaha for all that work that is being done. It is very exciting for our kids.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items:

August 28 Building & Grounds Committee, 5:30 p.m., Squires Education Center

August 28 Regular BOE meeting, 6:30 p.m., Squires Education Center

August 29 Teacher PD

August 30 Teacher Work Day, Open House AND Meet & Greet (the new Superintendent) & Grab a Treat  
6:00-7:30 p.m., @ Ross Beatty JSHS 6:30-8:00 p.m. @ SAES

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education it was **moved by** George Calvert and **supported by** Lisa Cutting to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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Susan Horstmann, Secretary