

**Cassopolis Public Schools
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**Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
August 28, 2017**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, August 28, 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: Amanda Smego, Deb Deubner, Lisa Cutting, George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Jesse Binns, Scott Ward

Member absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Angela Piazza, Karen Blaha, Dave VanLue, Dee Voss, Jerry Zachary, Jason Messner, Forrest Glasper, Glen Barr, Cindy Martynowicz and members of the community

Jesse Binns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ward welcomed all to tonight's meeting of the School Board of Education. He stated that the purpose of this public meeting is to conduct the business of the School Corporation and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation as indicated by the agenda.

Mission: To ensure that all students achieve the educational and life skills necessary to be successful in today's ever-changing society.

Vision: All students will demonstrate the academic, technological, and cultural competencies necessary to compete in a global society.

We will keep these statements at the forefront of all business decisions.

Approval of the Agenda – **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jesse Binns to approve the agenda, as presented. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** Amanda Smego to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 meeting as written. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Piazza introduced Tony Leininger from Carmi Design Group –

Bond Update: Mr. Leininger reported that the bond construction projects are nearing completion. He said due to some very favorable bidding the district was able to do quite a bit more work than anticipated. He then reviewed the bond projects in detail.

Curriculum Update: Dr. Piazza introduced Mrs. Blaha, Mr. VanLue and Mrs. Voss –

Mrs. Blaha gave an update on recent curriculum training with administrators. The principals then spoke about their thoughts from the first curriculum meeting and both said they were excited about the focus for the new school year.

French Class / Quebec Trip: Dr. Piazza introduced Ms. Emily Quinn, French Teacher – Ms. Quinn distributed packets of a proposed trip with her students to Quebec, Canada. The trip would be offered to students who have met the foreign language requirements and also offered for parents to attend. Ms. Quinn will have a meeting next week to see the level of interest and realizes cost may be an issue, so she is working on several fundraisers to help offset those costs.

Student Handbook Update: Dr. Piazza said that the elementary handbook had only minor changes such as dates and names. Dr. Piazza said that she is perusing the Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School handbook and hopes to remove some language and then this handbook will be brought back to the Board.

Board Committee Reports:

Athletic: No report.

Building & Grounds / Transportation: Dr. Calvert said that the committee met tonight and reviewed a lot of what Mr. Leininger presented to the Board earlier. Mr. Ward said also that Lewis Cass ISD is going to pay to do some renovations to our pre-school program areas at Squires. Mr. Ward said that the committee also discussed creating a Technology committee. There was a consensus that this committee does not have enough knowledge of technology plus it needs to be curriculum driven. Mr. Ward said that he would rather put one person from Building & Grounds, one person from Curriculum and one person from another committee on the Technology Committee and asked anyone interested in serving on this new committee please let him know.

Curriculum: No report.

Personnel/Finance: No report.

Public Comment: None.

New Business – Action Items:

Elementary Art Teacher – Moved by Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert that the position of Elementary Art Teacher be awarded to Amber St uut, effective August 29, 2017. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Mrs. Voss introduced Ms. St uut and welcomed her to the district. Ms. St uut said that she is looking forward to being a part of the school.

New Business – Discussion Items: None.

Old Business – Action Items:

NEOLA Replacement Policy #5630.01: **Moved by** Amanda Smego, **supported by** Jesse Binns that Replacement Policy #5630.01, Student Seclusion and Restraint, be approved as presented. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items:

August 29 Opening Day Breakfast and Meeting – Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School, all staff; Breakfast @ 7:45 a.m., cafeteria; Meeting @ 8:30 a.m., auditorium

August 29 Teacher inservice

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

August 31 Staff Inservice @ Dowagiac Performing Arts Center

September 5 First Student Day, Full Day

Request to go into Closed Session to Discuss Personnel: **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Lisa Cutting to go into closed session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Deubner, yes; Horstmann, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

The Board returned to open session at 8:11 p.m.

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 8:12 p.m.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary