

**Cassopolis Public Schools  
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**Board of Education  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
September 11, 2017**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, September 11, 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: Deb Deubner, George Calvert, Sue Horstmann (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Jesse Binns, Scott Ward

Member absent: Lisa Cutting, Amanda Smego

Also present: Dr. Angela Piazza, Karen Blaha, Jason Messner, Bonnie Adams, Cindy Martynowicz, staff and community members

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** 4-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Mrs. Horstmann arrived at this point in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** George Calvert to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 28, 2017, as written. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Deubner, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Blaha said that the administrators had their second meeting last Friday. They discussed the 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills that they stated they wanted our ideal graduates to have. The administrators learned about the 4C's – Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Creativity as they participated in the "Marshmallow Challenge". Mrs. Blaha distributed information about teaching learning opportunities that are now being extended to staff.

Mr. Messner distributed information about a proposed easement payment schedule. This is for property going through school owned property south of Kinder Drive. They were able to negotiate for anticipated damages up front and in so doing the district would be receiving close to \$16,000 from AEP. Mrs. Horstmann requested a copy of the easements on the school owned property. Dr. Piazza will include this information in Friday's update.

Board Committee Reports:

Athletic – Mrs. Deubner said that the Athletic Committee met with Mr. Brawley earlier tonight and he has a lot of good ideas such as live streaming events and the upcoming Patriot Games. There was discussion about Rocket Football having their own field now, thanks to the help of several volunteers last week, and they played on it last Saturday. Doing so will decrease playing time on the new sod on the main field while it stabilizes.

Building & Grounds/Transportation – Dr. Calvert did not have a report.

Curriculum – Ms. Cutting was not present and there was no report.

Personnel/Finance – Mrs. Horstmann said there is no report.

Public Comment: Jessica Ayers, 61100 Quinnesec Road, Cassopolis, spoke to the Board as a Mom only and not on behalf of other roles she has in the district. Mrs. Ayers gave feedback on the high school class schedules which have not initially been distributed in their final format over the past several years.

Financials – July, 2017: **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** Deb Deubner to approve the July, 2017 financials, as follows: General Fund \$413,644.63; Food Service Fund \$11,537.70; Sinking Fund \$64,647.60; and, 2017 Bond Capital Projects Fund \$48,763.66. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Action Items: None.

New Business – Discussion Item

2017 Tax Levy, Form L-4029: Mrs. Adams said that this is a form that needs to be done every year and sent with the millage rate to the County Clerk and townships.

Old Business – Action Items: None.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items:

September 12 Half Day for Students/Teacher PD in afternoon  
September 25 Finance Committee, 5:30 p.m., Squires Education Center  
September 25 Regular BOE meeting, 6:30 p.m., Squires Education Center  
October 4 Fall Count Day

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 6:56 p.m.

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Susan Horstmann, Secretary