

**Cassopolis Public Schools
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**Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 22, 2018**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, October 22, 2018 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, Lisa Cutting, George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Scott Ward

Members Absent: Amanda Smego, Jesse Binns

Also present: Dr. Angela Piazza, Geri Vlasticak, Cindy Martynowicz, staff member and community member.

Sue Horstmann 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** Deb Deubner to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** George Calvert to approve the minutes from the minutes of the October 8, 2018 regular meeting, as written. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Piazza said that no departments would be sharing tonight because it is Fall Break. Dr. Piazza announced that there will be a "Meet & Greet" this Thursday the 25th from 6-8 p.m. at the Sinclair Station. The new Ranger coffee shop will be hosting the event and offering samples. Also, the name of the coffee shop will be revealed at this time.

Board Committee Reports:

Athletic: Mrs. Deubner said that the boys' soccer team lost in the district final. Football playoffs start this Friday.

Building & Grounds/Transportation: Dr. Calvert said that there were boiler problems at Squires that are being addressed as this is an emergency situation.

Curriculum: No report.

Personnel/Finance: Mrs. Horstmann said that a Finance Committee meeting was held earlier and the 2017-18 audit was reviewed. This will be presented to the Board at tonight's meeting.

Public Comment: Ashley Pompey, 18794 Williamsville Street, Cassopolis, read the following statement into the record:

"As a committee member of the Miss and Mr. Cassopolis Scholarship Organization, I am proud to introduce you to our local organization and the benefits we have been providing to the youth of Cassopolis for the past 4 years, under the direction of our Chairperson Sue Horstmann.

In 2016, the organization was left without any operational money or funding for the 2016 Court Scholarships. With the help of a few volunteers, the program was saved and has grown tremendously. Not only do we crown as Miss and Mr. Cassopolis and their Courts, we have added Teen, Jr. Teen and Little Miss and Mr. divisions, with full Courts of Honor. Our vision is to grow responsibility, respect and a commitment to serve the community of Cassopolis, one crown at a time.

This fall, our Committee made a unanimous decision to remain local with our activities, allowing us to grown and serve more within the programs Cassopolis offers. By remaining local, we opted out of participation in the Blossomtime Festival Program. This decision allowed all of our local funding to remain in our community, where it was raised, through sponsorships from local businesses and individuals, pageant activities and fundraising. This will allow our organization to increase scholarships to our Court members, expand our programs that give back to our community and even start some new initiatives!

I am proud to be a part of this organization that is involved with 12, 2018 Court members who have represented Cassopolis with upmost respect and dedication and the 30 contestants (all of which are your students) who we are devoting volunteer time, to compete for the honor to represent Cassopolis in 2019. Our pageant "Mama Mia" is in the Ross Beatty Auditorium on November 11th at 2 p.m. I would like to personally invite you to join us for a fun-filled afternoon. Thank you for your continued support of our program. We are looking forward to expanding this alliance as our strength grows locally. We would love the opportunity to further discuss outreach programs such as math, reading, etc. where the Court members could provide meaningful assistance."

Election of Treasurer: **Moved by** George Calvert to nominate Deb Deubner for the office of Treasurer. **Motion supported by** Lisa Cutting and **motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Action Items:

Hire – Instructional Paraprofessional #1: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert that upon successful completion of her probationary period the position of Instructional Paraprofessional at Sam Adams Elementary School is awarded to Jessica Ayers. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Hire – Instructional Paraprofessional #2: **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** Deb Deubner that upon successful completion of her probationary period the position of Instructional Paraprofessional at Sam Adams Elementary School is awarded to Toni Eye. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Hire – 7 & 8th Grade Spelling Bee Coach: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** Lisa Cutting that the position of 7 & 8th Grade Spelling Bee Coach is awarded to Carey May. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Squires Boiler Replacement: **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** George Calvert that Andy J. Egan Co., Inc. is given approval to replace the boilers at Squires Education Center, at a cost not to exceed \$36,400, per their proposal dated October 17, 2018. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Discussion Items:

2017-18 Audit Presentation: Steve Kirinovic, SK&T Auditors, distributed the following dated June 30, 2018: Financial Statements; Supplementary Information to Financial Statements (Federal Awards); cover letter; and, graphs regarding fund balance and revenue/expenditure detail. Mr. Kirinovic presented the audit and asked if there were questions from the Board, which there were not.

Board Bylaws: Dr. Piazza presented Board Bylaws that are up for revision. These were discussed and will be on the November 12th meeting agenda.

Old Business – Action Items:

2017-18 Audit: **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** George Calvert that the 2017-18 audit is approved, as presented. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Ward, yes.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: Mr. Ward read the following items into the record:

November 2 End of 1st Marking Period

November 12 Regular BOE meeting, 6:30 p.m., Squires Education Center

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 7:06 p.m.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary