

**Cassopolis Public Schools
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**Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2018**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, November 12, 2018 in the Board meeting room at Squires Education Center, and called to order at 6:31 p.m., as President Ward welcomed those attending.

Roll Call:

Members present: Lisa Cutting, George Calvert, Amanda Smego, Deb Deubner (arrived at 6:39 p.m.), Scott Ward

Members Absent: Sue Horstmann, Jesse Binns

Also present: Dr. Angela Piazza, Renee Manno, Deb Stermer, Geri Vlasticak, Brooke Brawley, Matt Brawley, Jerry Zachary, Glen Barr, Lauren Sheeley, Robin Hadrack (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), Cindy Martynowicz, students, parents, community members.

Amanda Smego 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** Amanda Smego that the agenda is hereby approved, as presented. **Motion carried** 4-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** Amanda Smego, **supported by** George Calvert to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2018 regular meeting, as written. **Motion carried** 4-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Piazza welcomed all to tonight's meeting of the Board of Education. She then called on Principals to introduce their staff for reports.

Deb Stermer, Sam Adams Elementary School Principal, introduced the 5th grade teachers: Hannah Deubner, Amy Pike and Jessica Struble who along with student representatives from their classes, presented a project they are working on in class.

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Mrs. Hadrick then introduced Mrs. Jessica Pompey for her presentation. Mrs. Pompey introduced six high school students who are working on the Ranger Store. The students explained their roles in this new venture.

Dr. Piazza then asked Mr. Zachary, Transportation Supervisor, to speak regarding the new stops his department is implementing. Mr. Zachary said that these should all be completed before Thanksgiving break. Dr. Piazza said that following the tragedy in Fulton County, Indiana, they wanted to make sure safety comes first and she thanked him and his department for their work in making this happen.

Board Committee Reports:

Athletic: Mrs. Deubner said that the football team is having a remarkable season as they head to the state semi finals this Saturday. She thanked the staff, parents and community members that helped clear snow from the field for last Saturday's regional championship game.

Building & Grounds/Transportation: No report.

Curriculum: No report.

Personnel/Finance: No report.

Public Comment: None.

Financials: **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** Deb Deubner to approve financials from September, 2018, as follows: General Fund \$220,418.79; Food Services Fund, 44,328.11; Sinking Fund \$2,200.00; and, 2015 Bond Capital Projects Fund \$495.00. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Smego, yes Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Action Items:

Hire: **Moved by** Amanda Smego, **supported by** George Calvert that the position of High School Science Olympiad Coach is awarded to Teresa Wellman. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Discussion Items:

Request for 5th Grade Overnight Trip to Camp Friedenswald: Miss Deubner, Mrs. Pike and Mrs. Struble reviewed their request for this annual 5th grade trip, which will again be in May. It will be acted on at the December 10th Board meeting.

Old Business – Action Item:

Board Bylaws: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert that the following Board Bylaws are approved: 0100, 0122, 0131.1, 0132.2, 0133, 0141, 0141.1, 0142.3, 0142.4, 0142.5, 0142.7, 0143, 0143.1, 0144.1, 0144.3, 0151, 0154, 0155, 0161, 0162, 0165.1, 0165.6, 0166, 0166.1, 0167.1, 0167.2, 0167.3, 0167.5, 0167.6, 0168.1. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

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

November 21 Half Day for Students and Staff

November 22/23 Thanksgiving Recess

December 10 BOE Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m., Squires Education Center

Mr. Ward wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary