

**Cassopolis Public Schools
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**Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 5, 2018**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, February 5, 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. This regular meeting was held in conjunction with the Cassopolis Village Council.

Roll Call:

Board of Education Members present: Lisa Cutting, George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Deb Deubner, Amanda Smego, Jesse Binns, Scott Ward

Member absent: None

Village Council Members present: Frank Williams, Jr., Kim Parsons, Katherine Yoder, Cynthia Jackson-Ash, Geraldine Norwood-Sims, David Johnson

Member absent: Eugene Wagner

Also present: Angela Piazza, Emilie Sarratore, Glen Barr, Renee Manno, Matt Brawley, Jeff Wernette, Brooke Brawley, Karen Blaha, Geri Vlasicak, Dee Voss, Jason Messner, Dave VanLue, Police Chief Brian LaValle, Tonia Betty, Cindy Martynowicz, community members, and member of the press.

George Calvert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ward welcomed all to the first joint meeting between the Cassopolis Village Council and the Cassopolis Public Schools Board of Education. Mr. Ward then shared the School District's Mission and Vision Statements:

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.

Mr. Ward said that tonight's joint meeting is to conduct the business of both the Village Council and the School Corporation. There will be time for public participation as indicated by the agenda.

Approval of the Agenda –

Board of Education: **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jesse Binns that the agenda for the February 5, 2018 regular meeting is approved, as presented. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Village Council: **Moved by** Sims, **seconded by** Williams to approve the agenda, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Williams, Parsons, Yoder, Jackson-Ash, Sims, Johnson

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Wagner

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Board of Education: **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** Lisa Cutting to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2018 regular meeting, as written. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Smego, yes; Binns, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Village Council: **Moved by** Yoder, **seconded by** Parsons to approve the Village Council minutes from the January 8, 2018 meeting; and, to approve the Village Council Workshop minutes from the January 22, 2018 meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Williams, Parsons, Yoder, Jackson-Ash, Sims, Johnson

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Wagner

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Dr. Angela Piazza and Village Manager Emilie Sarratore spoke to their proposal for a joint partnership between the Village and the School District. They highlighted the benefits of such a partnership. Dr. Piazza and Ms. Sarratore spoke about a rural development grant that has been applied for and, if awarded, would be used to create a student-run coffee shop. It would be used for project-based learning and students would be involved in every aspect of the shop.

Board of Education - New Business – Action Items:

Hire: **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** George Calvert that Daniel Deubner be awarded the position of FFA Coach. **Motion carried 6-0-1**, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Deubner, abstained; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Hire: **Moved by** Amanda Smego, **supported by** Deb Deubner that Steve Mammel be awarded the position of Technical Director. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Binns yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Accept Donation for Junior High Robotics: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert to accept the generous donation of \$5,000 from David Swallow to be used for the Junior High Robotics program. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Mr. Mammel said that Mr. Swallow donated the \$5,000 on behalf of his company, Creative Foam from Fenton, MI.

Board of Education - New Business – Discussion Items: None.

Board of Education - Old Business – Action Items:

Resolution Authorizing Election for Millage Renewal for Non-Homestead Properties: **Moved by** Amanda Smego, **supported by** Jesse Binns to adopt the resolution to renew the Cassopolis Public Schools Operating Millage for Non-Homestead Properties, as presented. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Revised NEOLA Policies #5610 and #5610.01: **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** Lisa Cutting that the revisions to Policies #5610 and #5610.01 be approved, as presented. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Deubner, yes; Smego, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

New Tech Proposal: **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** George Calvert to approve the proposal to implement a New Tech Network (NTN) Program for Grades K-12, beginning with the 2018-19 school year. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Deubner, yes; Horstmann, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Village Council – Department Reports:

Clerk: See report.

Police/Code Enforcement: See report.

DPW Superintendent: See report.

Manager Report: See report.

Village Council – New Business – Action Item:

Approval of invoices: **Moved by** Yoder, **seconded by** Williams to approve current invoices totaling \$66,630.82, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Williams, Parsons, Yoder, Jackson-Ash, Sims, Johnson

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Wagner

Motion carried.

Village Council – Old Business – Action Item:

Approval of Amendments to Farm Land Lease, See Attachment 5: **Moved by** Williams, **seconded by** Sims to approve the amendment to the Farm Land Lease, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Williams, Parsons, Yoder, Jackson-Ash, Sims, Johnson

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Wagner

Motion carried.

Village Council Public Comment: None.

Board of Education Public Comment: Cynthia Jackson-Ash asked if an initial budget had been prepared for the project that Dr. Piazza and Ms. Sarratore presented tonight. Ms. Sarratore said that the budget was a part of the grant proposal. Ms. Sarratore said that they would be looking to offer scholarships for students involved in this program, be it for college, trade school or a leadership academy. Monies could also could be put towards the next project. She said that the idea is for this to be a student-run, student-led coffee shop. There would be some paid employees to help offset hours, but the bulk of this would be volunteer led.

Dr. Piazza said that this project is highly academic driven, and said that this was in the presentation given at the last Board of Education meeting when the idea was first formally presented.

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

Tuesday, 2/13	Half Day for Students; Teacher PD in afternoon
Wednesday, 2/14	Supplemental Count Day
Monday, 2/19	President's Day; No School for Students or Staff
Monday, 3/12	Regular Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m., Squires Education Center
Saturday, 2/10	Stone Lake Ice Fishing Tournament
Monday, 2/12	Cassopolis Main Street Committee meeting, 5:45 p.m.
Tuesday, 2/20	CAUA meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, 2/26	Village Council Workshop, 6:30 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 7:06 p.m.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary