

**Cassopolis Public Schools
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**Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 26, 2018**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, March 26, 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: George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Lisa Cutting, Deb Deubner, Scott Ward
Members absent: Amanda Smego, Jesse Binns

Also present: Dr. Angela Piazza, Jerry Zachary, Renee Manno, Dee Voss, Deb Stermer, Brooke Brawley, Matt Brawley, Dave VanLue, Jeff Wernette, Karen Blaha, Geri Vlasticak, Forrest Glasper, Cindy Martynowicz, community and staff members

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

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

Superintendent's Report:

Curriculum Update: Mrs. Blaha reviewed what is covered when she and Ms. Manno conduct PLC meetings at the schools.

Principal Reports:

Ross Beatty JSHS / VanLue & Brawley: Mr. VanLue and Mr. Brawley reviewed a PowerPoint presentation about their trip to El Paso, TX last month when they were trained on New Tech.

Sam Adams ES / Voss & Stermer: Mrs. Voss and Mrs. Stermer reviewed their time in Napa, CA last month where they also received in-depth training on New Tech.

Board Committee Reports:

Athletic: No report.

Building & Grounds/Transportation: No report.

Curriculum: No report.

Personnel/Finance: Mrs. Horstmann said that the Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting and discussed a few revisions to the budget that would be discussed later in this meeting.

Public Comment:

Tina Reick, 24627 North Street, Cassopolis, spoke to concerns she has about recent school shootings. Her concern was, should something tragic happen in Cassopolis, what is the district's plan for where parents should go to await word on their student. Mr. Ward said that Board members are not permitted to answer specific questions during a meeting but would be glad to talk to Mrs. Reick after the meeting. Mrs. Reick said that she and other parents have this concern and she wanted to bring it to the Board's attention.

New Business – Action Item:

Hire: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert that Diane Alford be hired as a Bus Driver, after successful completion of her probationary period. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Deubner, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Discussion Items:

High School Robotics Request for Overnight Trip to Competition in Grand Rapids: Mrs. Jessica Ayers, 61100 Quinnesec Road Cassopolis, said that this request is for the Robotics team to attend the second of two competitions. The results of this next competition will determine if they advance to the state tournament. They are requesting to take 14 students a day ahead of the competition so they are better prepared. They have sent students a day ahead in past years.

Jr. High Robotics Request for Overnight Trip to Competition in Detroit: Mr. Steve Mammel, Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School teacher, said that this is the junior high's first year to compete in Robotics and they are doing very well. Their team was chosen to participate in the World Championships. Mr. Mammel is requesting to take 10-14 7-8th grade students and 2 high school students to this competition. The older students are mentoring the junior high students.

Revised Policy #6325, Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds: Dr. Piazza said that the District's Auditing firm requested this policy be revised and updated with the language provided to Board members via email. The wording in the policy is what was forwarded from SK&T, District Auditors and is their recommended language.

Early College Application: Mrs. Blaha distributed copies to Board members of the Early College Application. Mrs. Blaha explained that she is obtaining the required signatures and stated that the application needs to include evidence of approval of the 5-year graduation plan by the local Board of Education. Mrs. Blaha answered questions from Board members.

Presentation of 2017-18 Budget Revisions: Mrs. Vlasicak reviewed proposed revisions to the 2017-18 Fund Budgets. She said that they are continuing to monitor spending for the rest of the school year. Department heads have been informed not to make any purchases for the rest of the school's fiscal year other than those for general building expenses. Mrs. Vlasicak then addressed questions from Board members.

Old Business – Action Item:

Robotics Request for Overnight Trip to Competition in Grand Rapids: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert that the request from Robotics for an overnight trip to Grand Rapids, MI from March 29-31, 2018 to compete in the East Kentwood Robotics Competition is approved. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Early College Application: **Moved by** Deb Deubner, **supported by** George Calvert that the District's 5-year Early College Application 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:

March 29 End of 3rd Marking Period
March 30 Good Friday; No School for Students or Staff

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education it was **moved by** George Calvert and **supported by** Deb Deubner to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary