

Cassopolis Public Schools  
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Board of Education  
Minutes  
Special Meeting  
April 30, 2018

This special meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, April 30, 2018 in the Board Meeting Room at Squires Education Center and began at 6:30 pm as President Ward welcomed those attending.

Members Present: George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Amanda Smego, Jesse Binns, Lisa Cutting, Scott Ward

Member Absent: Deb Deubner

Also present: Dr. Angela Piazza, Karen Blaha, Renee Manno, Jerry Zachary, Cindy Martynowicz, members of the staff and community

Amanda Smego led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda - **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jesse Binns to approve the agenda, as presented. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes – **Moved by** Amanda Smego, **supported by** George Calvert to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 9, 2018, are approved as written. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Public Comment – None.

#### New Business – Discussion Item

Proposed Administrative Staffing Changes: Dr. Piazza said that when she took the position of Superintendent, she was charged to assess and analyze the district's current status of operations, from business & fiscal operations to the academic, curricula and instructional practices currently being implemented. Together with the administrative team, the District's data trends were analyzed and an in- depth root cause analysis was conducted. Based on their assessment of the analysis and working extensively with the entire leadership team, she has learned their areas of strength as well as their passions. Dr. Piazza said that it is with these areas of strength in mind that she would like to propose a restructuring of the Administrative team.

Dr. Piazza said that her proposed restructuring is to provide the best supports for our students, to meet the needs of our District and move the District forward to be the District that this community and our students deserve. In order to restructure our team, tonight's meeting is a formality of the first phase.

Old Business – Action Items

Consideration of proposal 1: **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** George Calvert that it is hereby resolved the attached resolution to consider the non-renewal of administrator DeeAnn Melville-Voss' contract due to restructuring the district's administration is approved, as presented. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Smego, yes; Ward, yes.

Consideration of proposal 2: **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** Sue Horstmann that it is hereby resolved the attached resolution to consider the non-renewal of administrator David VanLue's contract due to restructuring the district's administration is approved, as presented. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Piazza and Mrs. Blaha spoke to their recent attendance at the American Superintendent's Association (AASA) meetings in Virginia Beach, which Ms. Manno also attended. Cassopolis was the only district from the state of Michigan attending, and it was their honor to represent the state. Dr. Piazza, Mrs. Blaha and Ms. Manno are serving on various committees and will continue in these roles at future meetings of this organization throughout the year.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education it was **moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jesse Binns to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. All in favor.

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Susan Horstmann, Secretary