

**Cassopolis Public Schools
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**Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 25, 2018**

Welcome: This regular meeting was held in the Board Meeting Room at Squires Education Center, 725 Center Street, Cassopolis, MI and was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Scott Ward, President.

Roll Call:

Members attending: Amanda Smego, George Calvert, Lisa Cutting (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Deb Deubner, Scott Ward (Sue Horstmann arrived at 7:44 p.m.)

Members absent: Jesse Binns

Also attending: Dr. Angela Piazza, Geri Vlasticak, Brooke Brawley, Matt Brawley, Deb Stermer, Renee Manno, Jeff Wernette, community members and John Winfrey with Merit Networking

Lisa Cutting led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Remarks:

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 Agenda: Moved by George Calvert, supported by Amanda Smego, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried 5-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Deb Deubner, supported by George Calvert to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 11, 2018, as written. Motion carried 5-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent's Report:

NTN101 Presentation: Dr. Piazza introduced Rene Manno and the team that attended NTN101 from the buildings. Dr. Piazza noted that New Tech brought their coaches to us, so our teachers were able to have this training in District.

Ms. Manno said that on June 19, 20 and 21, we had a team of 26 teachers, 18 from the junior/senior high school and 8 from the elementary attend this NTN101 training, along with Mr. Brawley and Mrs. Stermer.

Mr. Brawley and Mrs. Stermer spoke as to their experience with their staff at this training. Ms. Manno then answered any questions.

Board Committee Reports

Athletic (Deubner) No report.

Building & Grounds/Transportation (Calvert) No report.

Curriculum (Cutting) No report.

Personnel/Finance (Horstmann) No report.

Public Comment: None.

Financials – May, 2018

Moved by Lisa Cutting, supported by Amanda Smego that the May, 2018 financials are approved, as follows: General Fund \$451,771.33; Food Services Fund \$32,979.31; and, Debt Service Fund \$2,232,200.00. Motion carried, 5-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Action Items

New Hire

Moved by Deb Deubner, supported by Lisa Cutting, that the position of Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School Principal is awarded to Robin Hadrick for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried, 5-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

New Hire

Moved by Deb Deubner, supported by Lisa Cutting, that the position of Sam Adams Elementary School Assistant Principal is awarded to Brooke Brawley for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried, 5-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

New Hire

Moved by Amanda Smego, supported by George Calvert that the position of Teacher/Athletic Director is awarded to Jeff Wernette for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried, 5-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Discussion Items

Presentation – Fiber for Cass County Medical Care Facility

John Winfrey with Merit Networking distributed a fiber map to Board members. This map showed the portion of fiber the Cass County Medical Care Facility is requesting to lease from the District. He said they would very much like to finalize this by the end of the year, to finalize the lease of this fiber from the District to the CCMCF. The fiber would still belong to the District, they would pay \$3,000 a year for

five years to lease the fiber. Mr. Winfrey said that as the CCMCF would be leasing the fiber, maintenance of it would be the responsibility of the District. He said this would be approximately 1 mile of fiber total.

Mr. Ward said that the question seems to be the need for 24/7 access when neither the District nor the Medical Care Facility is a 24/7 run operation. Mr. Winfrey said that nurses are on staff at the Medical Care Facility 24/7 and that is why they would need 24/7 access. They would not anticipate an issue during off normal operational hours.

Old Business – Action Items

2017-18 Final Budget

Moved by Deb Deubner, supported by George Calvert that the 2017-18 Final Budget Resolutions are approved, as presented. Motion carried, 5-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Preliminary 2018-2019 General Fund Budget

Moved by Deb Deubner, supported by George Calvert that the attached preliminary General Fund budget resolution for the 2018-19 school year is approved as presented. Adoption of the General Fund budget will include an ad valorem property tax of up to 18 mills on non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property. The purpose of this levy is to support the General Fund budget operating expenses. The tax revenue is in the local sources of revenue. Motion carried, 5-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Adoption of 2018-19 Preliminary Debt Fund Budget

Moved by Amanda Smego, supported by George Calvert that the attached preliminary Debt Fund budget resolution for the 2018-19 school year is approved as presented. Adoption of the Debt Fund budgets will include an ad valorem property tax levy of up to 2.98 mills on non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property. The purpose of this levy is to support the Debt Fund budgets operating expenses. The tax revenue is included in the local sources of revenue. Motion carried, 5-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Adoption of the 2018-19 Sinking Fund Budget

Moved by Deb Deubner, supported by Amanda Smego that the attached preliminary Sinking Fund budget resolution for the 2018-19 school year is approved as presented. Adoption of the Sinking Fund budget will include an ad valorem property tax levy of up to .8365 mills on non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property. The purpose of this levy is to support the Sinking Fund budget operating expenses. The tax revenue is included in the local sources of revenue. Motion carried, 5-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Adoption of the 2018-19 Food Service Fund Budget

Moved by Amanda Smego, supported by Deb Deubner that the attached preliminary Food Service budget resolution for the 2018-19 school year is approved, as presented. Motion carried, 5-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Adoption of the 2018-19 2015 Bond Capital Projects Fund Budget

Moved by Lisa Cutting, supported by George Calvert that the attached preliminary 2015 Bond Capital Projects Fund budget resolution for the 2018-19 school year is approved, as presented. Motion carried, 5-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

2018-19 State Aid Borrowing Resolution

Moved by Deb Deubner, supported by Lisa Cutting that the 2018-19 State Aid Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$1,310,000 is approved, as presented. Motion carried, 5-0, as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

Request for Closed Session – Superintendent Evaluation

Moved by George Calvert, supported by Amanda Smego to go into closed session at 7:05 p.m., to discuss the Superintendent evaluation. Motion carried 5-0 as follows: Smego, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Deubner, yes; Ward, yes.

A 10 minute recess was taken at this time.

The Board returned to open session at 8:58 p.m.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items

Mr. Ward said that the Reorganizational Meeting will be held on July 9 at 6:30 p.m., Squires Education Center.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this meeting, it was moved by George Calvert, supported by Deb Deubner, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Secretary, Board of Education