

**Cassopolis Public Schools
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**Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
August 20, 2018**

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, August 20, 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, Jesse Binns, Lisa Cutting, Scott Ward

Members Absent: Amanda Smego, Deb Deubner

Also present: Dr. Angela Piazza, Geri Vlasticak, Renee Manno, Jerry Zachary, Lauren Sheeley, Brooke Brawley, Matt Brawley, Cindy Martynowicz, staff members and community 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** Jesse Binns, **supported by** Lisa Cutting to approve the agenda.

Moved by George Calvert, **supported by** Sue Horstmann to amend the agenda by deleting item IX, C.

Motion carried 5-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Moved by George Calvert, **supported by** Jesse Binns to approve the agenda, as amended. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** George Calvert to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2018 special meeting, as written. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Piazza said that on behalf of the District, she had a plaque to present to Jayne Fox who retired at the end of the last school year. Unfortunately, Mrs. Fox was not able to attend tonight's meeting but Dr. Piazza wanted to thank her for her 19 years of service as a support staff member for the District. Mrs. Fox worked as a paraprofessional for us for many years and will be missed.

Dr. Piazza then introduced Lauren Sheeley, Assistant Principal at Sam Adams Elementary. Lauren was unable to attend the last Board meeting when she was awarded the position, but said she was very glad for the opportunity.

Brooke Brawley, Curriculum Coordinator/K-12 Instructional Coach, spoke about the delayed start that the District will implement on Wednesday this school year. The teachers will receive professional development 7:30-9:30 a.m. on those days and child care will be available at both buildings through Camp Fire Kids and the YMCA. Mrs. Brawley said that dismissal times have changed for this year with Ross Beatty JSHS dismissing at 2:55 p.m., and Sam Adams ES at 3:15 p.m. Mrs. Brawley then spoke about changes to the math curriculum that are being implemented.

Board Committee Reports:

Athletic: Mr. Ward said that varsity football starts this Thursday at home.

Building & Grounds/Transportation: No report.

Curriculum: No report.

Personnel/Finance: No report.

Public Comment: None.

New Business – Action Items

Teacher Hire: **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** George Calvert that Corey Sheets is awarded the position of elementary teacher for the 2018-19 school year. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

Reading Specialist/RTI Building Coach: **Moved by** Jesse Binns, **supported by** Lisa Cutting that Morgan First is awarded the position of Reading Specialist/RTI Building Coach for the 2018-19 school year. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Binns, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Discussion Items

Future Graduation Dates: Dr. Piazza said that the seniors will attend school longer this coming year than they have in past years. She would recommend either June 9th or June 2nd for the 2019 graduation date, but said she would put information in the Board's Friday's update as to the seniors last day of school and also her official recommendation for the graduation date. This would be an action item at the next Board meeting.

Food Service Price Increase: Dr. Piazza said that Mr. Barr was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a family emergency. Mrs. Brawley explained the reasoning for the proposed price increase and said that the District has not had a price increase since 2015-16.

Old Business – Action Item

Food Service Price Increase: **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** Jesse Binns that it be hereby resolved that Food Service prices will increase for the 2018-19 school year by 10 cents per meal for students and adult staff; prices will be as follows: Elementary Breakfast \$1.65, Lunch \$2.65, Milk \$0.50;

Secondary Breakfast \$1.90; Lunch \$2.90, Milk \$0.50; and, Adult Staff Breakfast \$2.40, Lunch, \$3.90, Milk \$0.50. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Cutting, y es; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Binns, yes; Ward, yes.

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

August 28 New Teacher Orientation

August 29 Opening Day for Staff

August 31-September 3 Labor Day Holiday Weekend

September 4 First Student Day

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 6:50 p.m.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary