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Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 28, 2014

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, July 28, 2014 in the Board meeting room at Squires Educational Center and called to order at 7:00 P.M., as President Ward welcomed those attending.

Roll Call: Members Present: Lisa Cutting, George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Jeremy Carlisle, John Bright, Jason Pompey, Scott Ward
Members Absent: None
Also present: Tracy Hertsel, Cindy Martynowicz and community member

Jason Pompey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda - Moved by Jeremy Carlisle, **supported by** John Bright that the agenda be approved, as presented. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Pompey, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Carlisle, yes; Bright, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jeremy Carlisle that the minutes from the reorganizational meeting of July 14, 2014 be approved, as written. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Carlisle, yes; Cutting, yes; Pompey, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Bright, yes; Ward, yes.

Communications or correspondence – None.

Reports, Information Items from School Staff – Mr. Hertsel reported that our Food Service Department served 302 breakfasts and 351 lunches at the fair yesterday and will continue serving both meals daily throughout fair week.

Public Comment –

Jera Krager, 16811 M-60, Vandalia, said that she wanted to speak about home school partnerships that some districts offer. She hopes that we can get this going in Cassopolis. She loves the community, and knows it would benefit the schools to receive funding for home school partnerships. Mrs. Krager said that her children participate in Niles' home school partnership and explained how the program works. She wants to see Cassopolis, not other districts, benefit from their state funding. She would send her four children here if we offered this program. Mr. Hertsel is to follow up with Mrs. Krager.

Financials – **Moved by** Jeremy Carlisle, **supported by** Jason Pompey that it is hereby resolved the Board of Education approve bills for the month of June, as follows: \$280,189.69, General Fund; \$21,720.26, Food Service Fund; and, \$50,010.25, Sinking Fund. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Bright, yes; Carlisle, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Pompey, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Action Item

Hirings – **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** Jeremy Carlisle that the following positions be awarded: Band/Choir Director/Teacher, Adam Noaeill; and, 7th Grade Volleyball Coach, Demi Schrader. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Pompey, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Carlisle, yes; Bright, yes; Ward, yes.

Mr. Noaeill thanked the Board for this opportunity. He looks forward to working with them and continuing to grow and develop the band and choir programs.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Hertsel reported as follows:

- The district fair booth is up and running well.
- Thanked U.S. Business Systems for printing our flyers for the fair, noting that we are still in need of a few more volunteers to work the booth.
- Gave an update on the high school construction projects.

Mr. Bright said that he attended the first part of a village workshop meeting earlier. They were discussing the village possibly removing fluoride from the water. The meeting was still in process when he had to leave for the Board meeting. There was a lot of support for keeping fluoride in the village's water but he felt opponents to having fluoride would speak later in the meeting. He believes it was up for discussion only at this meeting.

Mr. Bright said that he was going to bring up the home school topic and would recommend that the Board establish an ad hoc committee with members of the Board and community members. The Ag Science program became a reality after an ad hoc committee worked together to set the program up and he feels it would work for this also.

Mr. Ward said that he already has three Board members that are interested in being on this Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Ward thanked fellow Board members for their show of support voting him in as President at the last meeting. He looks forward to working with everyone again this year.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education it was **moved by** Calvert, **supported by** Jeremy Carlisle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. All in favor.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary