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Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 10, 2014

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, November 10, 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: John Bright, Jeremy Carlisle, Lisa Cutting, George Calvert, Scott Ward
Members Absent: Sue Horstmann, Jason Pompey
Also present: Tracy Hertsel, Becky Smith, Dee Voss, Dave VanLue, Matt Brawley, Robyn Bright, and Cindy Martynowicz

Lisa Cutting led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda - **Moved by** Jeremy Carlisle, **supported by** John Bright to approve the agenda, as presented. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Carlisle, yes; Bright, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** John Bright to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 3, 2014, as written. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Carlisle, yes; Bright, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Communications or correspondence – None.

Reports, Information Items from School Staff –

Ross Beatty JSHS / VanLue - Mr. VanLue said that they are doing their best at the high school with the scheduling changes implemented last week. Students are also hanging in there. Behavior issues in ISR have gone up slightly. He said there are a few seniors that are having a problem getting in their required P.E. classes but Mrs. Doll is working on resolving those issues. Mr. VanLue said that renovations in the auditorium had to stop late last week to repair some trim.

Mr. Bright asked how many seniors are being affected by the credit issue. Mr. VanLue said per Mrs. Doll's text there were two so far.

Sam Adams Elementary / Voss – Mrs. Voss distributed and reviewed the initial data from Renaissance Place for the STAR Math and Reading programs. Mrs. Voss said that she met with our K-6 computer teacher, Mrs. Shelli Burks, as Mrs. Burks works with the STAR data. Mrs. Voss said that from December 1-19 they will conduct the first round of NWEA testing which is considered the national test. In the NWEA which will be conducted at both buildings they will test in reading, math and science.

Mr. Ward said that the report shows proficiency at/above 50 and below 50. He would like to see additional detail, how many kids at what percentages. He said that the information could be emailed to Board members or presented at a later Board meeting.

Ms. Cutting said she would like to know which kids are close to the 50% target.

Mr. Bright said it looks from the information provided like approximately 13% of kids aren't tested. Mrs. Voss said those might be kids that came in after the first round of testing or they may be ISD students. She will look further into that with Mrs. Burks. Mrs. Voss said that any student coming into the building is immediately tested. Mrs. Voss will work with Mrs. Burks to get more in depth information and get that to Board members.

Food Service / Bright – Mrs. Bright said she met with Mrs. Ash and Mrs. Stuby from the ISD. Mrs. Stuby is the Director of the Great Start Readiness Program. Cassopolis has been fulfilling their breakfast, lunch and snack programs. As of two weeks ago her department took over the area schools snack program. We now provide to Dowagiac, Marcellus, Edwardsburg, Open Arms Preschool and two programs at Squires. Open Arms is starting an afternoon session next week. She is working with the state to see about receiving reimbursement for this separate contract. Mrs. Bright said she will work with Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ash to make sure they are in compliance.

Public Comment – None.

Old Business – Action Item

2013-14 Audit – **Moved by** Lisa Cutting, **supported by** John Bright to approve the 2013-14 audit, as presented. **Motion carried** 5-0, as follows: Carlisle, yes; Bright, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

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

- Thanked staff at Berrien RESA who helped us with our rescheduling at the high school. Mrs. Doll and Mrs. Anderson spent a week at Berrien working with them on this project.
- Thanked Laura Ash and Becky Smith for their hard work in getting the audit in line this year.
- Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. is the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new clinic. From 6-8 p.m. they will have an open house of the facility.
- As an auditorium update, he had them pull the trim out. The new trim will be in as well as the final sound items by the end of the week. He is hopeful to have the auditorium close to complete by weeks end.

Dr. Calvert recognized the veterans in our community.

Mr. Ward thanked everyone involved in the Project Graduation fundraiser this past weekend. A lot of money was raised for the kids.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education it was **moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jeremy Carlisle to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. All in favor.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary