

Cassopolis Public Schools  
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Board of Education  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
March 24, 2014

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, March 24, 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, George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Jason Pompey, Scott Ward

Members Absent: Lori Whitmyer

Also present: Tracy Hertsel, Bob Sieko, Matt Brawley, Robyn Bright, Cindy Martynowicz, members of the staff and community

John Bright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda - **Moved by** Jeremy Carlisle, **supported by** John Bright to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Pompey, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Carlisle, yes; Bright, yes; Ward, yes.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jeremy Carlisle to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 10, 2014, as written. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Pompey, yes; Carlisle, yes; Horstmann, yes; Bright, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Communications or correspondence – None.

Reports, Information Items from School Staff –

**Food Services / Bright:** Mrs. Bright said that both the walk-in cooler and freezer were installed. The ceiling tile grids will be finished over spring break. All other equipment has been purchased and staff has been trained on how to operate the items. She invited Board members visit anytime to look at the new items.

**Athletics / Brawley:** Mr. Brawley said that the sporting events for this week have been cancelled. He hopes the weather will begin to cooperate and that we can get on schedule with events after spring break.

Public Comment – None.

Financials - **Moved by** Jeremy Carlisle, **supported by** John Bright, that the Board of Education approve payment of bills for the month of February as follows: \$369,550.13 for the General Fund and \$46,435.00 for the Food Service Fund. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Carlisle, yes; Bright, yes; Pompey, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Ward, yes.

Old Business – Action Items

Cooperative teaching model – **Moved by** Jason Pompey, **supported by** Sue Horstmann it is hereby resolved that beginning with the 2014-15 school year Cassopolis Public Schools will implement a cooperative teaching model to offer Agricultural Biology. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Bright, yes; Horstmann, yes; Pompey, yes; Carlisle, yes; Ward, yes.

Graduation Requirements – **Moved by** Jeremy Carlisle, **supported by** Jason Pompey that it is hereby resolved that graduation requirements will now include Agricultural Science Research as a third year Science credit. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Pompey, yes; Bright, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Carlisle, yes; Ward, yes.

NEOLA 2<sup>nd</sup> readings – **Moved by** Jeremy Carlisle, **supported by** John Bright that it is hereby resolved to add/revise/replace the following policies: 0144.3, 1400, 1630.01, 1662, 2431.01, 3362, 3430.01, 4162, 4362, 4430.01, 5112, 5517, 5517.01, 6107, 6420, 6470, 6520, 8120, 8142, 8390, 8405, 8510 and 9160. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Bright, yes; Pompey, yes; Carlisle, yes; Ward, yes.

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

- Said that Mrs. Voss apologized for not attending tonight's meeting but she is ill.
- Thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bright for their connection at Notre Dame as we were able to get slightly used furniture for three classrooms last week.
- Updated the Board on building construction issues.
- Regarding bleachers at the football stadium the pre-bid meeting was held last Friday. Upon further inspection by a structural engineer it was determined there is more damage around footings of the bleachers. This will require that we go deeper into that project than planned.
- Wished everyone a safe spring break and said he will be in the office.

Expulsion Hearing – **Moved by** Jason Pompey, **supported by** John Bright to go into closed session at 7:11 p.m. for the purpose of an expulsion hearing. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Bright, yes; Calvert, yes; Carlisle, yes; Pompey, yes; Ward, yes.

Return to open session at 7:41 p.m.

**Moved by** Jason Pompey, **supported by** Jeremy Carlisle pursuant to state law to expel Student "A" for 180 school days for violating school rules, with the possibility of enrolling Student "A" in the district's Alternative Education program. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Carlisle, yes; Pompey, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Bright, yes; Ward, yes.

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 7:44 p.m. All in favor.

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Susan Horstmann, Secretary