

Cassopolis Public Schools  
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Board of Education  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
April 28, 2014

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, April 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: Lori Whitmyer, George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Jeremy Carlisle, John Bright, Jason Pompey, Scott Ward.

Members Absent: None.

Also present: Tracy Hertsel, Dee Voss, Robyn Bright, Cindy Martynowicz, members of the student body, community, staff and media.

Lori Whitmyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda - **Moved by** Jason Pompey, **supported by** Jeremy Carlisle to amend the agenda by adding a new discussion item, IX B "foundation and painting for the grandstand project"; and a new action item, XI B "approval of foundation and painting for the grandstand project". **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Pompey, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Whitmyer, yes; Carlisle, yes; Bright, yes; Ward, yes.

**Moved by** Lori Whitmyer, **supported by** John Bright to approve the agenda, as amended. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Pompey, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Whitmyer, 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 April 14, 2014, as written. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Carlisle, yes; Whitmyer, yes; Pompey, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Bright, yes; Ward, yes.

Communications or correspondence – None.

Reports, Information Items from School Staff – At this time, Mr. Hertsel asked coaches from recent competitions to come forward and introduce members of their teams that were present. Recognized were students that participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math-a-Rama; the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science Olympiad; and, the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Bee. Pictures were taken of the students in attendance and will be put on the district's web site. Mr. Hertsel and the Board of Education congratulated the students for their participation.

Brad Banasik from the Michigan Association of School Board was in attendance to present two Board members with their Level One Certification pin and their Award of Merit pin. He was attending tonight's meeting to present John Bright and Susan Horstmann with both their Level One Certification and their Award of Merit pins, as they have met the requirements. Mr. Banasik said what is exceptional also is

that all seven Board members have received at least Level One Certification. He said that there are approximately 600 school boards in the state of Michigan and this year only 27 have received the Honor Board Award. The Honor Board Award means that all members have at least one level of certification and he congratulated the Board for this achievement.

Mr. Banasik then distributed a post card that was recently mailed regarding the upcoming school board election. He also handed out information on MASB's new Board assessment tool, which is a self-assessment of the Board. He noted that there is an update to the Open Meetings Guide, the 11<sup>th</sup> revision, available now. Mr. Banasik answered general questions at this time.

**Sam Adams Elementary / Voss:** Mrs. Voss announced that the school's Michigan History Team won the top award at the state level. The team also received a blue ribbon award for being the only school district who answered all the questions to their specifications and also coincided with the state's theme for this year "rights and responsibilities". She asked Mrs. Patton give an explanation of the event. Mrs. Patton said that the play was about the Kentucky Raid of 1847, it is a 10 minute play that 5 students (4-5<sup>th</sup> graders) performed. The students will be at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for recognition and will perform their presentation at that time.

Mrs. Voss said that the Blossomtime Queens were at the school today and the community was well represented. Mrs. Voss said that she and Mr. Hertsel attended a cyberbullying training today and the presenters agreed to come to Cassopolis to speak during the first staff day of next year. She meets with the Title I consultant tomorrow to finalize the summer school program.

Public Comment – None.

Financials - Moved by Lori Whitmyer, **supported by** John Bright, that the Board of Education approve payment of bills for the month of March as follows: \$379,237.42 for the General Fund, \$69,750.28 for the Food Service Fund and \$15,928.85 for the Sinking Fund. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Bright, yes; Pompey, yes; Whitmyer, yes; Carlisle, yes; Ward, yes.

New Business – Discussion Item

Home and Visitor Grandstand Renovation and Pressbox Replacement Project – Mr. Hertsel explained the bid specifications as well as the alternates for this project. He recommended the Board accept the bid from Sturdisteel and also alternates #1, 2 and 4. He said that this project was discussed at tonight's Building & Grounds Committee meeting.

Foundation/Renovation for Bleachers – Mr. Hertsel said that during the pre-bid meeting for this project they had a walk through and found a large amount of damage to the pillars. He then met with a structural engineer. He spoke with the Building & Grounds Committee earlier on this and would recommend that Ziolkowski Construction's proposal totaling \$62,640 be approved in order to move forward with this project. He has been trying to keep it moving and would request both items be approved tonight. These would be paid entirely from the Sinking Fund.

New Business – Action Items

Acceptance of Retirement – **Moved by** Lori Whitmyer, **supported by** Jason Pompey that it is hereby resolved that the retirement of Felomina Patton is accepted, with regret, effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Horstmann, yes; Whitmyer, yes; Bright, yes; Calvert, yes; Carlisle, yes; Pompey, yes; Ward, yes.

### Hiring

**Moved by** Lori Whitmyer, **supported by** George Calvert that Clyde Prestly is awarded the position of JV Baseball Coach, as recommended by the Athletic Director. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Carlisle, yes; Pompey, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Whitmyer, yes; Bright, yes; Ward, yes.

### Old Business – Action Item

Accept Bid for Home and Visitor Grandstand Renovation and Pressbox Replacement Project – **Moved by** Jason Pompey, **supported by** John Bright that it is hereby resolved that the bid for the Home and Visitor Grandstand Renovation and Pressbox Replacement Project, from Sturdisteel in the amount of \$333,500.00 including the base bid package and Alternates 1, 2 and 4, is approved as presented. **Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Carlisle, yes; Bright, yes; Pompey, yes; Whitmyer, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Ward, yes.

Accept Proposal for Foundation Repair – **Moved by** Jason Pompey, **supported by** John Bright to accept the proposal from Ziolkowski Construction, Inc., as follows: Excavate, Shoring and Demo home bleachers, \$11,500.00; Concrete pedestals, home bleachers, \$19,500; Concrete Pedestals, Visitor bleachers, \$7,800; Painting home grandstands \$15,540; and Painting visitor grandstands \$8,300.

Mr. Hertsel explained that this action does not require the bid process, as each phase is under the state threshold.

**Motion carried** 7-0, as follows: Calvert, yes; Bright, yes; Horstmann, yes; Pompey, yes; Carlisle, yes; Whitmyer, yes; Ward, yes.

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

- Is very proud of all the kids that were here tonight for their efforts.
- Congratulated the Board for being 1 of 27 boards in the state, out of over 600, that achieved an honor board award this year.
- Thanked Mrs. Voss for her work on the Miss Blossomtime visit and said it was very well received.
- Thanked the Building & Grounds Committee for reviewing a lot of information tonight, noting there are a lot of good things going on in the district.
- The high school gym floor is about 99% complete and looks incredible.
- Reminded Board members to please check their emails and reports as the busy time of the year is upon us with many upcoming events.
- Thanked Mrs. Brawley for her work on last Friday's prom, noting that it was a good event 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 8:00 p.m. All in favor.

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Susan Horstmann, Secretary