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Board of Education
Minutes
Special Meeting
May 19, 2014

This special meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, May 19, 2014 in the Board Meeting Room at Squires Education Center and began at 7:00 as President Ward welcomed those attending.

Members Present: John Bright, Lisa Cutting, George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Jason Pompey, Scott Ward

Member Absent: Jeremy Carlisle

Also present: Tracy Hertsel, Cindy Martynowicz and member of the press.

Lisa Cutting led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Minutes – **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jason Pompey to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 12, 2014, as written. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Pompey, yes; Horstmann, yes; Bright, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Public Comment – None.

New Business – Discussion Items

Lewis Cass ISD 2014-15 budget resolution – Mr. Hertsel said that Mr. Ward, Mr. Bright and he attended Lewis Cass ISD's May 12th Board meeting to hear their budget presentation. Also attending were representatives from other county school boards. He said that the ISD will have a millage election in November that would offset special education costs. The local districts were told if the millage doesn't pass they may have a surcharge for special education services. Mr. Hertsel said he feels that it would be good for all districts for this millage to pass. He recommended that the Board adopt the resolution supporting the ISD's 2014-15 budget.

Mr. Bright said that at the meeting the ISD stated that this is the first year in some time that they were able to present a balanced budget. He recommended the budget be adopted.

Review bids for Sam Adams Elementary School sign – Mr. Hertsel stated that we went out to bid on this project last week and two bids were received. They were within \$456 of each other for the full color option.

Mr. Bright said the bids came in about \$8,330 less than they had planned to spend and this is a high quality product.

Mr. Hertsel said this is the last large item to complete the elementary school project.

Mr. Bright said that the community has asked for this repeatedly.

Mr. Ward said that a new sign has been needed for some time and will be a great opportunity for the district to communicate information.

Dr. Calvert said he feels the sign will pay for itself by helping the school image and student retention.

New Business – Action Item

Hirings – **Moved by** Jason Pompey, **supported by** John Bright that the following positions be awarded: Secondary Homebound Teacher, 2 hours per week – Desiree Mooney; and, Elementary Title I summer school teaching positions – Chelsie Baucus, Cristy Ernst, Lindsay Gorham-Pflug, Cheryl Graham, Kelly Gustafson, Sarah Mason, Cheryl Rogers, Debora Stermer and Angela Vega. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Bright, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Pompey, yes; Ward, yes.

Old Business – Action Items

Adoption of Lewis Cass ISD 2014-15 Budget Resolution – **Moved by** Sue Horstmann, **supported by** John Bright that the 2014-15 Lewis Cass Intermediate School District budget resolution is adopted, as presented. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Pompey, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Bright, yes; Ward, yes.

Award bid for Sam Adams Elementary School sign – **Moved by** Jason Pompey, **supported by** John Bright that the bid for the Sam Adams Elementary School sign, from Signworks in the amount of \$36,670.00 including the base bid package and Alternate 1, is approved as presented. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Cutting, yes; Pompey, yes; Horstmann, yes; Bright, yes; Calvert, yes; Ward, yes.

Non-Renewal of Robert Sieko’s administrative contract – **Moved by** John Bright, **supported by** Jason Pompey that it is hereby resolved that the administrative contract for Robert Sieko will not be renewed for the 2014-15 school year due to administrative performance deficiencies.

Mr. Pompey asked if there was a request for closed session. Mr. Hertsel said no.

Motion carried 6-0, as follows: Bright, yes; Pompey, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent Report – Mr. Hertsel said that he will send Board members his evaluation form this Friday and plans to have his evaluation on the June 9th meeting agenda.

Mr. Bright said that he attended the senior class awards and was very impressed that our seniors have earned over \$860,000 in scholarships.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education it was **moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jason Pompey to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. All in favor.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary