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Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2014

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was held on Monday, August 11, 2014 in the Board meeting room at Squires Educational Center and called to order at 7:01 p.m., as President Ward welcomed those attending.

Roll Call: Members Present: George Calvert, Sue Horstmann, Jason Pompey, Lisa Cutting, Jeremy Carlisle and Scott Ward
Members Absent: John Bright
Also present: Tracy Hertsel, Dee Voss, Dave VanLue, Robyn Bright, Cindy Martynowicz and community member

Jeremy Carlisle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by** George Calvert, **supported by** Jason Pompey to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 28, 2014, as written. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Carlisle, yes; Pompey, yes; Horstmann, yes; Calvert, yes; Cutting, yes; Ward, yes.

Communications or correspondence – None.

Reports, Information Items from School Staff –

Food Service / Bright: Mrs. Bright said that this Friday she will attend a meeting in Lansing about the fruit/vegetable grant that Sam Adams Elementary received. She and Mrs. Voss are excited to have free fruits and vegetables available for kids throughout the day. Mrs. Bright said that she signed up for free books through the summer meal program. Next week these will be incorporated into the program. Some books were handed out at the Sam Adams Elementary site last week. Scott Novak from the Vigilant will meet with her and some students to write an article and take some pictures of the students with these books. Mrs. Bright said she submitted the photos taken with the students last week to the MDE Nutrition Program who in turn forwarded them to the USDA. Mrs. Bright said that fair week the department served 1,502 breakfasts (298 more than last year); and, 1,859 lunches (247 more than last year). Total breakfasts served in July was 2,061 (892 more than last year) and 3,331 lunches (992 more than last year).

Sam Adams Elementary / Voss: Mrs. Voss said that this is the second week of the elementary summer school program. There are 72 students this year. This program is through Title I and was approved by our regional representative. They are providing three weeks of summer school. The program is based on language arts and math, with emphasis on science and social studies. She said that both students and teachers are enjoying the program. The kids get snacks every day, attendance has been very good and it's been an overall great turnout.

Public Comment – None.

New Business – Discussion Item

Presentation on TEAM – Mr. Hertsel introduced Michigan State Police Trooper Rob Herbstreith for his presentation.

Trooper Rob distributed a brochure to Board members. The brochure explains the TEAM (Teaching, Educating And Mentoring) curriculum. This program began in 1998 and is based not only on the law but also on safety. It is divided into four groups, Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. He said that, compared to the D.A.R.E. program, with T.E.A.M. instructors can bounce around with lessons as needed. He said there is a bullying class for all four groups that is age appropriate. They will offer a new lesson on prescription drug abuse for 6-8 and 9-12 grade students. Trooper Rob said he would also like to get in to the middle school and high school. He said that the program meets the Michigan Model.

New Business – Action Item

Hirings – **Moved by** Jason Pompey, **supported by** George Calvert that the following positions are awarded: Junior Varsity Football Cheerleading Coach – Lindsay Gorham; and, Assistant Varsity Football Coach – Andrew Brawley, as recommended by the Athletic Director. **Motion carried** 6-0, as follows: Carlisle, yes; Pompey, yes; Cutting, yes; Calvert, yes; Horstmann, yes; Ward, yes.

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

- Mr. VanLue made a connection with the ETS person at SMC who donated a lot of furniture and other items to the high school. They will greatly dress up the office as well as some classrooms.
- Updated the Board on construction at the high school as well as work being done at the elementary.

Mrs. Horstmann said that the Home School Partnership Committee had a productive meeting regarding home school networking and incorporating how our district could blend with them and provide non-traditional types of education. The committee will bring this to the Board and request approval to hire someone to handle implementation and follow through of this program. We are looking at a part time position, possibly 20 hours per week. This will be on the August 25th agenda for discussion and action.

Mr. Hertsel said he will check with legal on questions that arose in committee but agrees that the district needs to hire someone that can be0020fson point for this task.

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 7:32 p.m. All in favor.

Susan Horstmann, Secretary