

Cassopolis Public Schools
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Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 17, 2023

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was at Cassopolis High School in the Media Center on Monday, April 17, 2023. Meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m., as President Deubner welcomed those attending. Heather Beaudoin led the Pledge.

Roll Call:

Board of Education Members present: Heather Beaudoin, Jesse Bement, Deb Deubner, Amanda Smego, and Aaron Steensma

Members absent: Teresa Dahlgren, and Scott Ward

Also present: Dr. John Ritzler, Lindsay Gorham-Pflug, Chris Bergen, Tammi Preston, Carey May, Brian Smith, Heather Rigby, Eric Burns, Lisa Phillips, Jennifer Bloss, Aryn Carlisle, Hannah Hoff, Teresa Wellman, Jess Ayers, Kylee Ridge, Lauren Sheeley, Geri Vlasticak, Torie Conner, Joseph Westrate, Amanda Solloway, and members of the community.

Agenda:

Moved by Heather Beaudoin, **supported by** Jesse Bement to approve the agenda as presented. There was no discussion. **Motion carried** 5 – 0 Yes – Beaudoin, Bement, Smego, Steensma, and Deubner. No – 0

Minutes:

Moved by Jesse Bement, **supported by** Amanda Smego to approve the minutes as presented. There was no discussion. **Motion carried** 5 – 0 Yes – Beaudoin, Bement, Smego, Steensma, and Deubner. No – 0

Superintendent's Report:

The Cassopolis RoboRangers were in attendance to give a presentation detailing what each group of the team performs and a demonstration with the 22-23 robot. The robotics mentors spoke on how pleased they are with the new robotics space.

The participants in the Spelling Bee were present to be recognized and shake hands with members of the Board. The 4th grade team placed fourth, 5th grade team placed third, 6th grade team placed second, 7th grade team placed first, and the 8th grade team placed third. Grace Beaudoin advanced to the individual competition where she placed third overall. Cassopolis placed second in the county.

Also present were students that participated in Math-a-Rama. Sixty students attended Math-a-Rama this year. The 3rd grade team placed first, 4th grade placed third in the scavenger hunt, 5th grade swept their competition by taking first, second, and third.

The Science Olympiad encompassed elementary through high school grade levels. 5th grade again swept the competition taking first, second, and third places for their challenge. One 4th grade team took first place for the build your car challenge. The high school competes region wide and finished eighth overall. The high school Trajectory team finished first and will continue to State. The middle school team Sounds of Music placed first and will also be going to State. All middle school teams placed third, fourth, sixth, seventh, and eighth.

Dr. Ritzler took a few moments to speak on the upcoming election for the non-homestead millage renewal.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There was no public comment on Agenda Items.

Consent Agenda:

Moved by Aaron Steensma, **supported by** Jesse Bement to approve the consent agenda as presented. There was no discussion. **Motion carried** 5 – 0 Yes – Beaudoin, Bement, Smego, Steensma, and Deubner. No – 0

New Business: Action Item

Moved by Jesse Bement, **supported by** Heather Beaudoin to approve the FFA trip to leadership camp. There was no discussion. **Motion carried** 5 – 0 Yes – Beaudoin, Bement, Smego, Steensma, and Deubner. No – 0

Miscellaneous Administrative Items:

There were no miscellaneous administrative items.

Public Comment on Non-agenda Items:

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Adjournment:

Moved by Jesse Bement, **supported by** Amanda Smego to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:31pm.

Submitted by Beth Westrick
Teresa Dahlgren, Secretary

*Next BOE meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2023.