

Cassopolis Public Schools
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Board of Education
Minutes
Community Support Committee
July 20, 2023

Welcome: This Special meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was at Cassopolis High School in the Media Center on Thursday July 20, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m., as Committee Chair Deubner welcomed those attending. Teresa Dahlgren led the Pledge.

Roll Call:

Board of Education Members present: Heather Beaudoin, Teresa Dahlgren, and Deb Deubner.

Also Present: Jennifer Bloss, Aryn Carlisle, Dr. Ritzler, Lauren Sheeley, Beth Westrick, and members of the public.

Agenda:

Moved by Teresa Dahlgren, **supported by** Heather Beaudoin to approve the agenda as presented. There was no discussion. **Motion carried** 3 – 0 Yes – Beaudoin, Dahlgren and Deubner.
No – 0

Open Forum: Discussion

Discussions of protocols and policies that are or should be in place when dealing with discipline.

A suggestion was made to have advocates available for students that are feeling bullied, whether they are teachers, support staff, counselors, bus drivers, or parent volunteers. These advocates could check in with the student at different times.

More communication with the community was suggested and requested.

The community members present stated that they would like to have the opportunity to be more involved in the schools but feel that the volunteer opportunities are not presented to them. Requests were made for ways to be informed of teacher/classroom needs. Giving high school students the opportunity to earn community service hours within our community, such as at sporting events, would allow for opportunities for the community members to help encourage students learn respect.

To hold additional meetings was agreed upon. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10.

Additional Public Comment:

Members of the community spoke.

Adjournment:

Moved by Teresa Dahlgren, **supported by** Heather Beaudoin to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Submitted by Beth Westrick
Teresa Dahlgren, Secretary