

Cassopolis Public Schools
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Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 18, 2024

Welcome: This regular meeting of the Cassopolis Board of Education was at Cassopolis High School in the Media Center on Monday, March 18, 2024. Meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m., as President Deubner welcomed those attending. Jesse Bement led the Pledge.

Roll Call:

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

Members absent: Teresa Dahlgren

Also present: Dr. John Ritzler, Jess Ayers, Chris Bergen, Rachele Bogue, Torie Conner, James English, Lindsay Gorham-Pflug, Allison Hill, Zuri Kelter, Yara Neuerburg, Tammi Preston, Heather Rigby, Brian Smith, Jennifer Torbet, Beth Westrick, and members of the press and community.

Agenda:

Moved by Amanda Smego, **supported by** Jesse Bement to approve the agenda as presented. There was no discussion. **Motion carried** 6-0 Yes – Beaudoin, Bement, Lee, Smego, Steensma, and Deubner. No – Zero

Minutes:

Moved by Aaron Steensma, **supported by** William Lee to approve the minutes as presented. There was no discussion. **Motion carried** 6-0 Yes – Beaudoin, Bement, Lee, Smego, Steensma, and Deubner. No – Zero

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Ritzler invited Ms. Hill and Mrs. Torbet to share and recognize the Ranger students that participated in the Science Olympiad and the Spelling Bee at SMC.

Emily Carlisle was also recognized as the FFA State Champion in prepared speaking.

The RoboRangers were in attendance to give a demonstration and talk about the robotics program.

Financial Report

Mr. English gave an update on the long-term planning process. He was pleased with the turnout and the discussion that took place. There are two more meetings scheduled for the month of April.

It was suggested that the number of Board of Education members attending the community meeting be discussed. It was determined that three Board members will be in attendance and the Board members will rotate for the remainder of the meetings.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There was no public comment on Agenda Items.

Consent Agenda:

Moved by William Lee, **supported by** Heather Beaudoin to approve the consent agenda as presented. There was no discussion. **Motion carried** 6-0 Yes – Beaudoin, Bement, Lee, Smego, Steensma, and Deubner. No – Zero

New Business: Action Item

Moved by Jesse Bement, **supported by** Aaron Steensma to approve the purchase of a Ford F-250 4x4 crew cab pick-up truck for the operations department. There was no discussion. **Motion carried** 6-0 Yes – Beaudoin, Bement, Lee, Smego, Steensma, and Deubner. No – Zero

New Business: Action Item

Moved by Heather Beaudoin, **supported by** Jesse Bement to approve the Robotics overnight trip upon qualification to the State Championship on April 4th through April 6th in Saginaw, Michigan. There was no discussion. **Motion carried** 6-0 Yes – Beaudoin, Bement, Lee, Smego, Steensma, and Deubner. No – Zero

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** William Lee to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

Submitted by Beth Westrick
Teresa Dahlgren, Secretary