

**Coopersville Area Public Schools  
Board of Education**

**Organizational Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2024  
7:00 pm**

**1. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Coopersville Area Public Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Mike Michalak at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Members Present: J. Buth, S. Campbell, A. Gillhespy, M. Michalak, S. Nelson, G. Twietmeyer, L. VanSickle

Members Absent: None

Also Present: M. Spencer, Superintendent; L. Adams, Secretary to the Board

**2. Organization of Board**

a. Election of Officers

1. President

Geoff Twietmeyer nominated Michael Michalak for the position of President. The nomination was supported by Shawn Campbell. Hearing no other nominations, Mike Michalak moved that the nominations be closed. A unanimous vote was cast for **Michael Michalak as President**. *Motion passed.*

2. Vice President

Shawn Campbell nominated Lynn VanSickle for the position of Vice President. The nomination was supported by Geoff Twietmeyer. Hearing no other nominations, Mike Michalak moved that the nominations be closed. A unanimous vote was cast for **Lynn VanSickle as Vice President**. *Motion passed.*

3. Treasurer

Lynn VanSickle nominated Alison Gillhespy for the position of Treasurer. The nomination was supported by Jill Buth. Hearing no other nominations, Mike Michalak moved that the nominations be closed. A unanimous vote was cast for **Alison Gillhespy as Treasurer**. *Motion passed.*

4. Secretary

Jill Buth nominated Shawn Campbell for the position of Secretary. The nomination was supported by Mike Michalak. Hearing no other nominations, Mike Michalak moved that the nominations be closed. A unanimous vote was cast for **Shawn Campbell as Secretary**. *Motion passed.*

**3. Communication**

- a. Student Board Representatives – Tricia McPherson, HS Principal, reported on current events at the High School due to the student board representatives having a snow day.
- b. Board Appreciation – In honor of School Board Recognition Month, there were various displays of appreciation for our Board Members.
- c. Audience Comments – Steve Lemieux thanked the Board for adding additional school security. This means a lot to him and his family.
- d. Board Communications – Mike Michalak thanked the Board for completing the MASB courses for his challenge.

**4. Informational and Discussion Items**

- a. Personnel Report – The Personnel Report was provided showing the most recent changes in staff.
- b. Student/Staff Recognition – Each month, the Board recognizes students and staff for their significant contributions or recognitions.

**5. Consent Agenda**

MOTION by VanSickle, supported by Gillhespy, to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- a. Minutes, Bills, and Payrolls as presented.

*Motion unanimously carried.*

6. **Action Items**

- a. Closed Session – A roll call vote was taken to meet in Closed Session, following the business portion of the meeting, as provided under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussing Superintendent's evaluation and negotiations. No action will be taken following the Closed Session.  
*Roll call vote: Yays: all. Nays: none.*
- b. Legal Services – MOTION by Twietmeyer, supported by Campbell, to approve the continued services of Thrun Law Firm for general legal matters and Clark Hill, PLC for personnel matters and for special education issues. The Board will evaluation Clark Hill, PLC to determine if this will continue for more than six months.  
*Motion Unanimously carried.*
- c. Policies – MOTION by Gillhespy, supported by VanSickle to approve policy #'s 1217, 3217, 4217, and 8142.01 regarding weapons.  
*Motion unanimously carried.*

7. **Superintendent's Report**

Matt Spencer, Tricia McPherson, and Tennille Woodward presented the PSAT, ACT, and M-STEP test results to the Board for the secondary students.

8. **Adjournment** – The Regular Meeting ended at 8:03 pm at which time the Board met in Closed Session. The Closed Session ended at 9:45 pm and a MOTION was made by VanSickle, supported by Gillhespy to adjourn the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Lisa Adams  
Recording Secretary*