Coopersville Area Public Schools
Board of Education

Organizational Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2017
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 Lynn VanSickle at 7:01 pm.

Roll Call: Members Present: J. Breen, J. Buth, D. DeWys, K. Meinders, M. Michalak, L. VanSickle, R. West

Members Absent: None

Also Present: R. Veldman, Superintendent; L. Adams, Secretary to the Board; Thom Hourani, Student Board Representative

2. **Oath of Office** - Recently elected Board Members Michael Michalak and Lynn VanSickle were sworn into office.

3. **Organization of Board**
   a. Election of Officers
      1. President
         Kurt Meinders nominated Lynn VanSickle for the position of President. The nomination was supported by Rich West. Hearing no other nominations, Lynn VanSickle moved that the nominations be closed. A unanimous vote was cast for **Lynn VanSickle as President**. *Motion passed.*

      2. Vice President
         Denise DeWys nominated Kurt Meinders for the position of Vice President. The nomination was supported by Jen Breen. Hearing no other nominations, Lynn VanSickle moved that the nominations be closed. A unanimous vote was cast for **Kurt Meinders as Vice President.** *Motion passed.*

      3. Treasurer
         Kurt Meinders nominated Denise DeWys for the position of Treasurer, Denise declined.
         Jen Breen nominated Rich West for the position of Treasurer. The nomination was supported by Jill Buth. Hearing no other nominations, Lynn VanSickle moved that the nominations be closed. A unanimous vote was cast for **Rich West as Treasurer**. *Motion passed.*

      4. Secretary -
         Rich West nominated Denise DeWys for the position of Secretary. The nomination was supported by Jill Buth. Hearing no other nominations, Lynn VanSickle moved that the nominations be closed. A unanimous vote was cast for **Denise DeWys as Secretary**. *Motion passed.*

4. **Communication**
   a. Student Board Representative - Student Board Representative Thom Hourani reported on current events at the high school.
   b. Board Appreciation - In honor of School Board Recognition Month, there were various displays of appreciation for our Board Members.
   c. Audience Comments – None
   d. Board Communications – Lynn VanSickle reminded the Board of our scheduled Work Session, January 23, 2017. The Board will have a Superintendent Evaluation Training.
   e. Policies First Reading – Policies 3610 (Purchasing Goods and Services) and 3660 (Bids and Quotation Requirements) were presented for first reading.

5. **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.
   c. Special Education Cross Indicator Analysis – The Board reviewed a memo from the Special Education Director regarding the Cross Indicator Analysis.

6. **Consent Agenda**
   MOTION by Breen, supported by West, to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:
   a. Minutes, Bills, and Payrolls as presented.
      Motion unanimously carried.
   b. Millage Resolution – MOTION by Meinders, supported by West, to approve the Millage Resolution for a three year renewal of the non-homestead 18 mills at the Special Election which will be held on May 2, 2017. *Motion unanimously carried.*

7. **Action Items**
   a. Legal Services - MOTION by Breen, supported by DeWys, to approve the continued services of Thrun Law Firm for general legal matters, Clark Hill, PLC for personnel matters, and LaPointe & Butler for special education issues. *Motion unanimously carried.*
   b. Approval of Policy – MOTION by Breen, supported by DeWys, to approve Policy 1170 (Board Position Vacancies). *Motion unanimously carried*.

8. **Superintendent's Report**
   a. Policies – Ron Veldman showed the Board where the Policies are located on the District Website.

9. **Adjournment** – MOTION by Breen, supported by Meinders, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Adams
Recording Secretary