

**Coopersville Area Public Schools  
Board of Education**

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2025  
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 7:01 pm.

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: M. Spencer, Superintendent; Kara Heacox and Ava Maycroft, Student Board Representatives

**2. Communication**

- a. Student Board Representatives – Student Board Representatives Kara Heacox and Ava Maycroft reported on current events at the High School.
- b. Administrator/Board Appreciation – In honor of School Administrators' Week (February 10-14), the Board gave certificates of appreciation to all Administrators. The Board thanked them for their dedication and leadership. Due to a snow day last month, more gifts of appreciation were given to the Board.
- c. Audience Comments – Kelly Balkema reported on CEA happenings and read a Valentine Poem to the Board.
- d. Secondary Math Update – Tricia McPherson, Lyndsey Kosten, Kelly Kroft, and Kelsey Monahan did a presentation for the Board on their shared plan to increase math scores on PSAT and SAT.
- e. Board Communications – The Board reviewed a draft of the 2025 – 2026 meeting schedule. This schedule will be presented for approval at the March Board Meeting. Lynn VanSickle gave updates from the OASBA Meetings. Mike Michalak challenged the Board to go into the classrooms and help out or volunteer.

**3. Informational and Discussion Items**

- a. Personnel Report – The Personnel Report was provided showing the most recent changes in staff.
- b. Student Recognition – Each month, the Board recognizes students for their significant contributions or recognitions.
- c. Amendment to the 2024-25 Budget – Scott Powers presented the amendment for the 2024-25 budget.

**4. Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Minutes, Bills, and Payrolls as presented.  
*Motion unanimously carried.*

**5. Action Items**

- a. Bus Purchase – MOTION by VanSickle, supported by Gillhespy, to approve the purchase of one 77-passenger bus from Holland Bus Company for a cost of \$146,208.00. This is covered with bond dollars.  
*Motion unanimously carried.*
- b. Amendment to the 2024-25 Budget - MOTION by Twietmeyer, supported by Gillhespy, to approve the 2024-25 Budget Amendment.  
*Motion unanimously carried.*
- c. 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 the Superintendent's evaluation and CEA Negotiations. No action will be taken following the Closed Session.  
*Roll call vote: Yays: all. Nays: none.*

**6. Superintendent's Report –**

Tennille Woodward shared data on elementary math.

7. **Adjournment** – The Regular Meeting ended at 8:05 pm at which time the Board met in Closed Session. The Closed Session ended at 9:20 pm and a MOTION was made by VanSickle, supported by Buth to adjourn the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jill Buth  
Board Secretary*