

**Coopersville Area Public Schools
Board of Education**

**Organizational Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2026
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, A. Gillhespy, M. Michalak, G. Twietmeyer, Lynn VanSickle

Members Absent: S. Nelson, R. Post

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

2. Organization of Board

a. Election of Officers

1. President

Lynn VanSickle nominated Michael Michalak for the position of President. 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 **Michael Michalak as President**. *Motion passed.*

2. Vice President

Alison Gillhespy 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

Jill Buth nominated Alison Gillhespy for the position of Treasurer. 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 **Alison Gillhespy as Treasurer**. *Motion passed.*

4. Secretary

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

3. Communication

- a. Student Board Representatives – Due to the student board representatives having a snow day, no report.
- 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 about the OASBA Winter Event on March 4, 2026.

4. 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.

5. Consent Agenda

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

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

6. **Action Items**

- a. **Legal Services** – MOTION by Gillhespy, supported by Buth, to approve the continued services of Thrun Law Firm for general legal matters and Clark Hill, PLC for personnel matters and also special education issues.

Motion Unanimously carried.

- b. **Non-Homestead Operating Millage Resolution** – MOTION by Twietmeyer, supported by VanSickle, to approve the Non-Homestead Operating Millage Resolution.

Motion Unanimously carried.

7. **Superintendent's Report**

Matt Spencer showed his appreciation to the Board and thanked them for their compassion, leadership, and for doing an exceptional job. They are the best at serving ALL students at CAPS.

8. **Adjournment** – MOTION by Twietmeyer, supported by Gillhespy, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Adams
Recording Secretary*