

**Coopersville Area Public Schools
Board of Education**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
March 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 7:00 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; L. Adams, Secretary to the Board; Ava Maycroft, Student Board Representative

2. Communication

- a. Student Board Representative – Student Board Representative Ava Maycroft reported on current events at the High School.
- b. Audience Comments – Kelly Balkema reported on CEA happenings. Jeremy Annen talked to the Board on English books and student engagement. Updated books are needed to keep students engaged and they also need to be interesting topics so they want to continue reading. Mike Michalak thanked Jeremy. He appreciates Jeremy going above and beyond for students.
- c. Robotics – Ryan Schoenborn did a presentation regarding the Robotics Teams and had robots for the Board to see.
- d. Board Communications – The Board was reminded about OASBA General Membership Meeting on April 2, 2025. Alison Gillhespy read a summary of Superintendent Spencer's evaluation. The Michalak challenge (visiting classrooms) for the Board is going great!

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. HS ELA – Books for Review (2) – The Board reviewed the HS ELA Books (2). ***The Great Alone*** by Kristin Hannah and ***Educated*** by Tara Westover.

4. Consent Agenda

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

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

5. Action Items

- a. Board Meeting Schedule – MOTION by Buth, supported by Twietmeyer, to approve the 2025-2026 Board Meeting Schedule.
Motion unanimously carried.
- b. Chromebook Purchase – MOTION by VanSickle, supported by Buth, to approve the purchase of Chromebooks for 1st, 5th, and 9th grades for an amount not to exceed \$210,000.
Motion unanimously carried.
- c. Acoustical Shell Bid – MOTION by Twietmeyer, supported by Gillhespy, to approve the HS Acoustical Shell bid from StageRight Corporation for a total cost of \$258,800.
Motion unanimously carried.

6. Superintendent's Report –

Matt Spencer let the Board know he will be the next President of the Rotary Club of Coopersville. He also provided an article from OAISD with details about the May 6, 2025, Special Education Millage Proposal. If this proposal does not pass; CAPS would lose about \$2 million.

7. **Adjournment** – MOTION was made by VanSickle, supported by Gillhespy, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Adams, Recording Secretary