

CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 22, 2016

The regular meeting of the Cass City Board of Education was called to order on February 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Library by President Alice Zaleski.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alice Zaleski, Stacey Bliss, Daniel Manwell, Emily Phillips, David Osentoski, and Janie Meeker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig Bellew

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, H.S. Principal Daniels, Asst. Principal/A.D. Director Markel, CFO Zimba and Student Representative Bransen Stimpfel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zaleski.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker, that the agenda be approved as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the regular monthly board meeting and closed session board meeting minutes from January 25, 2016 be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker, that the bills in the amount of \$152,896.62 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentations:

The following Red Hawk Award of Excellence Winners were recognized:
High School – 11th grade – **Jay Larson** & Elementary School- 4th grade – **Diana Cortes**

Jr/Sr High school Ag Science teacher and FFA Sponsor, Russ Weyer, talked a little about the FFA program and how well they did in competition, Cass City had 16 students go to Districts and 10 qualified for regionals. Addy Battel qualified to go on to state competition. Pearl Daskam and Joe Sieradzki qualified to state as alternates. Pearl and Addy presented speeches during the board meeting.

Dean of Students Christin Hempton presented to the board on the student check-in that she does with the Juniors. This year's Junior check-in will be held Tuesday, March 16th at 6:00 pm. This program highlights where they should be credit wise to graduate, how they should be preparing for post high school training or education, where to look for scholarships and how to apply for them as well as other information.

Reports and Communications:

Student winter count at this time is, that the Elementary is down sixteen (16) and the Jr/Sr High is down ten (10). We have lost 26 students from fall. Total student count currently is 991.

Superintendent Hartel collected bids for the Farmland to lease and for Trash & Recycling Pick-up. There were 3 bids put in for the farmland. The winning bid was from Becker Farms, LLC with \$191.00 per acre for a total of \$6,112.00 per year. A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker to accept the price of \$191.00 per acre from Becker Farms. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** There were 4 bids presented for Trash & Recycling. The lowest bid came in from Emterra out of Bad Axe. The bid was for \$6,531.28 per year for a total of \$19,593.84 for the 3 year contract. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Daniel Manwell to accept the bid from Emterra for \$19,593.84 for the 3 year contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**
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Athletic Director Don Markel brought to the board's attention the Thumb Area Meet of Champions and how they recognize the Friend of the Youth. He is recommending that Kate VanAuken be that person. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski, that Kate VanAuken be nominated as Friend of the Youth.

Mr. Hartel informed the board of Cass City Schools creating a Caring Wall of water for the city of Flint to let them know that we care for them during this difficult time. Both buildings will be collecting water through the end of February and it will be taken down to Flint after that.

Public Participation: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Daniels let the board know of the Ag Advisory Committee that is being formed. He reported that on this committee so far there is Chad Daniels, Russ Weyer, Dave Milligan, Randy Severance and Eric Brown. A motion was made by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker to accept this committee as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Markel presented the possibility of entering a 2 year agreement with USA schools for boys that are interested in playing soccer. There will be a sign up sheet at the high school to see if there is enough interest to have a boys soccer team here at Cass City. The discussion will be tabled until the March board meeting to make final decision.

Other: None

At 8:05 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, that the meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Janie Meeker, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education