

**CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 20, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on May 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City High School Library by President Craig Bellew.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Bellew, Alice Zaleski, Sloane Stimpfel, David Osentoski, Daniel Manwell, Jeffrey Loomis and Janie Meeker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, Asst. Principal Markel, Outdoor Maintenance Director Schuette and Food Service Director Bock.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bellew.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Sloane Stimpfel, that the agenda be approved as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by David Osentoski, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting and also the closed session meeting held April 22, 2013 be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copies are in the Secretary's book and the closed session book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker, that the bills in the amount of \$203,534.21 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentations:

The Board recognized Shannon Bardwell as a finalist in the Stossel in the Classroom Essay Contest. Lauren Perry and Kayla Zmierski also received honorable mention in the contest. English teacher Jane Reif was congratulated for her role in the student's success.

Reports and Communications:

It was announced that 12th grade graduation ceremonies will take place on May 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

The annual end of year staff luncheon (sponsored by Milligan Farms) will take place June 6th at noon in the high school cafeteria.

The Board discussed the advantages of offering parents/students a choice between a traditional (180 days) and a year-round (blended) school calendar. Major differences would include more breaks during the school year and a shortened summer vacation. However, even with the changes, the total days of instruction would be identical to the traditional school calendar.

The Board did not express any interest, in an onsite location workshop, offered by Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).

Superintendent Hartel informed the Board of a student/staff community Title I Survey that has been conducted by school officials. Results of the survey are posted on the district's website.

Due to recent required attendance changes (days/hours) by state officials, the last day of school for Cass City students will be **Wednesday, June 5th** and **Thursday, June 6th** for staff.

Public Participation:

Dr. Nicholas Nahernak representing the Thumb Area Dental Clinic indicated that the group is still interested in leasing a portion of the Campbell building (the west wing) to establish a clinic, to initially serve Medicaid patients. The Board will hold a special meeting to discuss and finalize the three (3) year lease agreement when representatives of the group are ready.

There was discussion regarding the color of the office discipline room at the elementary building. Summer maintenance plans include painting the walls.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Superintendent Hartel informed the Board that the administrator's evaluations have been completed, with all three (3) principal's receiving an **"effective"** rating for the 2012/13 school past year.

- a. It was moved by Jeff Loomis, supported by Janie Meeker, that the contract for H.S. Principal **Daniels** be extended by one (1) year, ending 06/30/15. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**
- b. It was moved by Jeffrey Loomis, supported by Sloane Stimpfel, that the contract for Elementary Principal **Fernald** be extended by one (1) year, ending 06/30/15. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**
- c. It was moved by Jeff Loomis, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the contract for Asst. Principal/AD Director **Markel** be extended by one (1) year, ending 06/30/15. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**
(Copies are in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by Craig Bellew, that Cass City Public Schools remain a "School of Choice" for the first semester of the 2013/14 school year. Openings will be available in K-10th grades and class sizes will remain within the contractual limits. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Jeffrey Loomis, supported by Alice Zaleski, to grant permission for the high school marching band to participate in the Bavarian Festival Parade on Sunday, June 09, 2013. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

AD Director Markel informed the board of a proposal among the Greater Thumb West Conference Schools to increase general admission for athletic events from \$4.00 to \$5.00. Mr. Markel will report back to the Board with more information at the June 24th regular board meeting.

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Craig Bellew, that the resignation from Jr./Sr. high school teacher, **Linda Volz**, be accepted with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy of the letter is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Sloane Stimpfel, that the resignation from Jr./Sr. para pro **Connie Klinkman**, be accepted with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy of the letter is in the Secretary's book.)

Other: None

At 8:10 p.m., it was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Jeffrey Loomis, that the regular meeting be adjourned and the Board go into closed session, to discuss student expulsion's and teacher negotiations. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The open meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m. Student discipline issues from the closed session were revisited.

It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by Alice Zaleski, that **Student A**, will have to be placed in, in-school suspension (for the remainder of the school year) if there are any more problems. Student A will have to do the E. 20/20 program at home over the summer for three (3) subjects, if he wants to move on with his class. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A discipline copy is in the closed session book.)

It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by Craig Bellew, that **Student B**, be expelled for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year and continue with the E. 20/20 program over the summer. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy of the discipline record is in the closed session book.)

The Board has been informed by Thrun Law Firm, P.C., that some of the language in the previous teacher's contract needs to be removed, before they can move forward.

At 9:15 p.m., it was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Sloane Stimpfel, that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Sloane Stimpfel, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education