

CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 24, 2012

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on September 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City High School Library by President Craig Bellew.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Bellew, Alice Zaleski, Daniel Manwell, David Osentoski, Kathy Leslie,
Sloane Stimpfel and Chad Kreeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, Asst. Principal Markel, CFO Klosowski, and Outdoor Maintenance Director Schuette.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bellew.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski, that the agenda be approved as presented, with the **addendum of I.,F.,1.,f. – Erla Foods Fund Raiser. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by Alice Zaleski, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting and from the special board meeting (Goal Setting) held on, August 27, 2012 be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copies are in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the bills in the amount of \$176,097.61 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentations: The Board welcomed Zachary Deitering to the meeting as the CCPS Student Body Representative.

Reports and Communications:

The Board heard the monthly budget report (DS-4868) from CFO, Mike Klosowski. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Craig Bellew, that the report be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Craig Bellew, that the L-4029 Tax Rate Request Resolution, as presented by CFO, Mike Klosowski, be filed as presented with a 3.57% levy request for the 2012/13 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

The written copy of the Board's goals for the 2012-2013 school year was reviewed and accepted as printed. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Superintendent Hartel reported current student enrollment figures. They are: Young 5's through sixth grade = 566, grades seven through twelve = 520. With a total of 1,086 pupils. According to last year's figures, it represents a loss of 17 students for the upcoming year.

Employee lists for 2012-2013 were reviewed by the Board. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

The Board agreed to pursue establishing a district-wide strategic plan to be completed by this summer. A committee of Sloane Stimpfel, Alice Zaleski and Craig Bellew was appointed to direct the project.

The Board discussed plans to participate in the Michigan Association of School Board's (MASB) new campaign called "Public Education Believes in Me!" The program aims to highlight a past graduate who has accomplished something GREAT because of the opportunity that a public education gave them. The candidate will be selected at the November board meeting. (A copy of the information is in the Secretary's book.)

Superintendent Hartel announced that officials at Erla Foods have proposed a plan to raise money for the schools along with the help of the community, local businesses and the Cass City Chamber of Commerce. Erla Foods Store will establish bins (at the cashier stands) and request customers to donate a quarter (\$0.25) for the purpose of school programs. The store then plans to match up to \$500.00 a month for at least the next two (2) years. The Cass City Chamber of Commerce will continue to coordinate plans for the fundraiser. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Public Participation: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

The Fall 2012 MASB Conference to be held, November 8th – 11th at the Detroit Marriott/Renaissance Center was announced. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski, that Sloan Stimpfel be appointed as Cass City's one (1) voting delegate at the assembly. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

CCPS Band Director, Laura Curtis, requested that the marching band be allowed to participate in the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival Parade on Sunday, October 7th. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Sloane Stimpfel, that permission be granted. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board heard an appeal from high school parent, JoAnn Rasmussen, that her son (a high school junior) be allowed to leave school at lunch time to assist with the family business. Due to the fact that school policy supports a closed campus for underclass men, the Board unanimously denied the request. Principal Daniels will attempt to work with the student's schedule to resolve the issue.

Other: None

At 7:50 p.m., it was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the regular meeting be adjourned to go into closed session, to discuss negotiations. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 9:22 p.m., President Bellew re-opened the public meeting. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Chad Kreeger that:

1. The board hire a firm to deal with teacher negotiation this year.
2. Two (2) board members will be present during negotiations (Craig Bellew and David Osentoski).
3. Merit Pay will be granted to the administrators for 2012/2013.

All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

At 9:30 p.m., Daniel Manwell made a motion, supported by Chad Kreeger to adjourn the regular meeting. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Sloane Stimpfel, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education

