

CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 24, 2020

The regular meeting of the Cass City Board of Education was called to order on February 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Library by President Alice Zaleski.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alice Zaleski, Stacey Bliss, Janet Richards, Emily Lasceski, Janie Meeker and George Batty.

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Osentoski

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, Asst. Principal/A.D. Director Bitzer, CFO Allison Zimba and Student Representative Taryn Pisarek.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zaleski.

President Zaleski adopted the consent agenda with an addition to the Meeting Agenda of E.1. i. - Board approval for purchasing of new busses.

Recognition and Presentations: None

Public Participation: Parents John Wiseman, Misty Delong and Christopher Fluegge came to speak to the board regarding their concerns around the safety dog check that was conducted at the jr/sr high school on Thursday, February 20th.

Reports and Communications:

CFO Zimba asked for a motion to approve the budget amendments that were presented at the January board meeting. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski to approve the budget amendments presented at the January meeting. **All Ayes, MOTION CARRIED.**

Technology Director Lyle Severance presented to the board a living document of his departments 3 to 5 year technology plan. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Justin Ketterer presented the Title 1 audit summary.

Dean of students Christin Hempton gave the board an overview of the CLEP/Accuplacer test. Students have the opportunity to take these tests for a cost but could potentially earn college credit and not have to pay to take remedial courses in college if their ACT/SAT scores are not at benchmark, saving them money. (A handout is in the Secretary's book)

The Strategic Plan group met on Monday, 2/17. There is good progress being made and they will meet again in May. This will be important to finish up with this plan and start to plan for the next one. (A handout is in the Secretary's book)

Athletic Director Lindsay Bitzer is looking for a recommendation for the Friends of Youth nominee at the Thumb Track & Field Meet of Champions. The recommendation was made to nominate Don Markel. The entire board is in favor of that recommendation. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to nominate Don Markel as representative to the Thumb Meet of Champions. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Student Representative Taryn Pisarek gave the board an update on upcoming events in the Jr/Sr High School.

The elementary building level board meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, March 18th at 3:30 pm in the elementary library.

CFO Zimba presented the board with price comparison report on the purchasing of new busses. We are looking to purchase 2 – 2020 busses in July and 2 – 2021 busses in October. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to approve the bids from Hoekstra for \$351,256.00 to purchase 4 new busses. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Other:

The School Play will have a Sunday performance on 3/15 (information only)

At 8:11 p.m. it was moved by Janie Meeker supported by Stacey Bliss, that the meeting be adjourned to go into closed session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 9:37 p.m. the open session meeting was reopened by President Zaleski.

The below action was read aloud by Secretary Emily Lasceski:

The following conditions were set for Student A:

- Student A will receive a 15 day out of school suspension with the ability to do homework.
- Student A will be eligible for a 5 day reduction in the suspension if restorative action is completed.

A motion was made by Janet Richards, supported by Janie Meeker, to approve the above conditions. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 – 0. All Ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The below action was read aloud by Secretary Emily Lasceski:

The following conditions were set for Student B:

- Student B will receive a 10 day out of school suspension with the ability to do homework.
- Student B will be eligible for a 5 day reduction in the suspension if restorative action is completed.

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Janet Richards, to approve the above conditions. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 – 0. All Ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

At 9:43 p.m. it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to end the open session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Emily Lasceski, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education