

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 22, 2018**

The organizational meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on January 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Board Room by President Alice Zaleski.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Asst. Principal Markel, Elementary Principal Fernald, CFO Zimba and Student Representative Robert Weaver.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by representatives of the High School Student Council.

President pro tem Alice Zaleski opened the floor for nominations of 2018 school board officers:

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski to nominate **Alice Zaleski for president. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Stacey Bliss, to nominate **Janie Meeker for vice president. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, to nominate **Emily Lasceski for secretary. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker, to nominate **David Osentoski for treasurer. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, that the consent agenda be approved as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

**Recognition and Presentations:**

December Elementary Red Hawk Award winner, Shelby Ignash, was honored at this board meeting as she was unable to attend the December meeting.

Superintendent Hartel recognized the Board with a gift and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to Cass City Public Schools. Each board member was presented with a gift from the High School student council. A video was made from each building, thanking them, and shared at the meeting.

**Reports and Communications:**

The board heard the 2017/2018 Budget Amendments (general & food service) from CFO Allison Zimba. It was moved by Janet Richards, supported by Janie Meeker that the amended budget be approved as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

It was moved by Emily Lasceski, supported by Janie Meeker to approve the resolution for the \$8,680,000 bond special election to be held on May 8, 2018. A rollcall vote was taken, **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Superintendent Hartel informed the board of the outcome of the lawn mowing bids. Big Mac's Lawn Care came in with the lowest bid and will be awarded the 3 year contract.

Mr. Hartel was contacted by the President of Baker College with an offer to purchase the soon to be closed building. The board asked for additional information to be obtained before the February meeting with the potential walk through for the board of the building.

The board will have a new evaluation tool for their self-evaluation. It will be done through MASB and they will do the compiling and report back to us.

New subcommittee members are:

Strategic Plan: Janet Richards, Stacey Bliss, Alice Zaleski

Negotiations: Dave Osentoski, Janie Meeker, George Batty

Finance/Budget: The board will work as a whole

Bond Committee: Janie Meeker, Alice Zaleski, Janet Richards. They will work with the bond community group.

Round table: Elementary – Janie Meeker, Emily Lasceski, Dave Osentoski. Jr/Sr High – George Batty, Alice Zaleski, Janet Richards or Stacey Bliss. The dates are still to be determined.

Trustee George Batty attended a MASB Conference and shared a few things that he brought back from the conference.

**Public Participation: None**

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business:**

Regular Board meeting dates and times were established: The regular meetings for the 2018/2019 year be held the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school board room, unless specified, including the Red Hawk Award of Excellence presentation (scheduled for the months of October, December, February, and April). (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Beth Kittle be designated as the person for posting all of the school board meetings.

Superintendent Jeff Hartel and CFO Allison Zimba be designated as the persons to handle school district funds, accounts and financial transactions.

Emily Lasceski be appointed as the MASB delegate to cast votes on TISD issues.

The previous actions will be voted on at the February board meeting.

Principal Fernald and Jr/Sr High Principal Daniels gave reports on some of the things that are going on in each of the buildings.

**Other: None**

At 8:38 pm, it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty that the regular meeting be adjourned and the Board go into closed session to discuss a student issue. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 9:48 p.m. it was moved by Emily Lasceski, supported by Janie Meeker to return to open session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 9:49 p.m. a motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski that if problems continue with Parents A & B they will not be allowed on any school properties or events. A letter will be drafted and sent certified mail. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 – 0. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 9:50 p.m. a motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Janie Meeker that Student A be placed on a long term suspension pending a police investigation and court determination. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 – 0. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 9:51 p.m. a motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by George Batty that in response to Minor A's parents request. Students not enrolled in the District would not be allowed to participate in school sponsored events. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 – 0. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** Vice President Janie Meeker abstained her voting privilege.

At 9:52 p.m. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski to end the open session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Emily Lasceski, Secretary  
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education