

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 24, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on May 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., in the Jr/Sr High School Board Room and via Zoom by President Emily Lasceski.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Osentoski

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, CFO Zimba and IT Director Severance.

President Lasceski adopted the consent agenda as present in the board packet.

Recognition and Presentations:

1. 2nd Semester Students of the Month

February: KDG – Kyzer Sprague, 1st – Ava Posluszny, 2nd – Lily Laming, 3rd – Lola Dorland, 4th – Colten Kady, 5th – Macy Haag, 6th – LeeAnn Hill, Jr High – Shelby Ignash, Sr High – Lauren Peters

March: KDG – Sydney Czekai, 1st – Riley Hendrian, 2nd – RaeLynn Gonzales, 3rd – Adalinn Walther, 4th – Bryce Barrigar, 5th – Isabelle Kappen, 6th – Lilly Jawoski, Jr High – Alysa Fritz, Sr High – Robert Krueger

April: KDG – Callan Wilson, 1st – Braylin Juneac, 2nd – Mia-Lynn, 3rd – Jalen Estep, 4th – Tinley Mahoney, 5th – Paige Valley, 6th – Grace Zartman, Jr High – Alivia Spencer, Sr High – Hailey Dubs

May: Young 5's – Braylin Erla, 1st – Graham Klaus, 2nd – Braylon Kady, 3rd – Courtney Forster, 4th – Mason Ligrow, 5th – Sequoia Kurtansky, 6th – Kady Kruse, Jr High – Jacob Guilds, Sr High – Thomas Muter

- 2.** President Emily Lasceski wanted to express the board's gratitude to Superintendent Hartel for his many years of dedication and hard work for Cass City Public Schools and wish him well in his upcoming retirement.

Public Participation: None

Reports and Communications:

Gene Pierce, Superintendent of the Tuscola Intermediate School District, attended the meeting via zoom and presented the TISD general fund budget. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker to approve the 2021-2022 annual resolution supporting the Tuscola Intermediate School District's **general fund budget** as presented by TISD Superintendent Gene Pierce via Zoom. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Scott Richards that **Janie Meeker** serve as Cass City's voting representative (with Alice Zaleski as the alternative) on Monday, June 07, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for the TISD Biennial School Board Election. The vote will be cast for James M. Welke who is running unopposed. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

The reconfirmation meeting of the Extended COVID Learning Plan was presented to the board. It was moved by Scott Richards, supported by Jane Meeker to accept the Learning Plan for May as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

The Anti-Bullying Public Hearing – Section 5207 was held discussing the Thrun Anti-Bullying school board policy. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker, to adopt the Anti-Bullying Policy Section 5207. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

On Monday, May 17, 2021, a special board meeting was held to hear presentations from MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) and MLI (Michigan Leadership Institute) to assist in the search for a new Superintendent. A discussion was held regarding those presentations. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Scott Richards to select MLI to proceed with the search for a new Superintendent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

June's Board Meeting will begin with a Special Truth & Taxation Meeting held at 6:30 p.m. on June 28, 2021 prior to the regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker, to approve the 2nd reading of the Thrun Board Policy as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker, to recall the NEOLA school board policy and replace with the Thrun school board policy. A roll call vote was taken. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker, that Cass City Public Schools remain a "School of Choice" for the first semester of the 2021/2022 school year. Openings will be available in Kdg-10th grades and class sizes will remain within the contractual limits. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Two nights of interviews were conducted to choose the next Jr/Sr High School Principal. Bill Hartzell was chosen to replace retiring principal Chad Daniels. A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker to approve Bill Hartzell as the Jr/Sr High School Principal. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker, to hire Caitlyn Lowe as a 3rd grade teacher beginning with the 2021-22 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker, to hire Ashley Osentoski as a Jr/Sr High School math/science teacher beginning with the 2021-22 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker, to hire Wyatt Nelson as a Jr/Sr High School science teacher beginning with the 2021-22 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker, to hire Jessica Hahn as a Jr/Sr High School virtual education teacher beginning with the 2021-22 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

They will be posting for an english/social studies teacher to replace Bill Hartzell.

Janie Meeker read the retirement letter of para professional Carmen Damm. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker to accept their retirement, with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The retirement letter of para professional of Jane Phillips was also read. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker to accept their retirement, with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other:

None

At 7:51 p.m., it was moved by Scott Richards, supported by George Batty, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Janie Meeker, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education