

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 24, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on October 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City High School Library by President Alice Zaleski.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Bellew, Stacey Bliss, David Osentoski, Alice Zaleski, Emily Phillips, Janie Meeker and Daniel Manwell arrived at 7:40 pm.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, Asst. Principal/A.D. Director Markel, and CFO Zimba.

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

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting held on September 26, 2016 be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker, that the bills in the amount of \$407,092.31 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentations:

The Board recognized the following students as the Red Hawk Award of Excellence Winners:
Olivia Krueger – 6th Grade and Darren Hutchinson – 11th Grade

October is Principal's Appreciation Month and our 3 principals were recognized by the board and State Representative Ed Canfield at this evening's meeting.

The AAUW donated \$1,000 to the Elementary school for a new laminator and \$1,000 to the Jr/Sr High school for English dept. text books.

Reports and Communications:

Angie Burnette, from Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran, P.C., CPA's reviewed the 2015/2016 fiscal audit report. The results of her report stated that Cass City Public Schools ended the 2016 school year conforming to acceptable general accounting practices with a general fund balance as of June 30, 2016 of \$1,536,788. It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew to accept the audit report as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

CFO Zimba presented the board with a proposed Administrative Salary Schedule for consideration. The board would like more information on comparable salaries and how these steps would be awarded. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

The need for an official IPA Resolution was discussed. It was noted that in the minutes from the September meeting that a correction was needed. The minutes stated that the interest rate on the loan from Chemical Bank was 1.9% and it is actually 1.99%. A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski to amend the minutes from the September 26, 2016 meeting to reflect the correct 1.99% interest rate. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The preamble and resolution were offered by Janie Meeker, supported by Alice Zaleski to receive the bid from Chemical Bank to finance the purchase of the busses at an interest rate of 1.99%. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

MTSS & Special Education Director Carrie Peter gave an overview of what the MTSS program is. It is a multi-tiered system of support for providing instruction to students. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Superintendent Hartel invited the board to a District Spotlight that he will be hosting on Friday November 4th at the Village offices. He is reaching out to the community to connect with them and highlight things that are going on in our school district and in legislation that impacts all school districts.

The board was reminded of the Tuscola County Fall School Board Dinner/Meeting on Thursday, November 17th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Hartel handed out the annual Superintendent/School Board Evaluations and asked that they be returned by November 11th.

Public Participation:

Don Markel invited the board to the National Honor Society new member induction on November 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Janie Meeker, that the first reading of the NEOLA Policy Updates (summary) for 2016 be approved, as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Both building principals gave updates on student achievement data. Overall the elementary school is above the ISD average in all 10 subject area and is above the state average in 9 out 10 subject areas. The Jr/Sr high school only tests grades 7, 8 and 11. 7th grade was above the ISD & state averages in all areas. 8th grade was above the ISD & state in all areas and 11th grade was above ISD & state averages in 4 out of 5 areas. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Other: None

At 8:31 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Janie Meeker, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education