

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 28, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on September 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Board Room by President Alice Zaleski.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zaleski.

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

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the minutes from the regular monthly and closed session board meetings held on August 24, 2015 be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copies are in the Secretary's book and the Closed Session book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker, that the bills in the amount of \$226,033.43 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentations: None

Reports and Communications:

The Board heard the monthly budget report from CFO, Allison Zimba. She stated that the results of the audit should be in this week. She is also working with the Title budget and changes should be presented at amendment time.

Superintendent Hartel gave an enrollment update and as of the date of this board meeting the Elementary enrollment is 545 which is down 11 students from the Winter 2015 count. The Jr/Sr high school enrollment is 472 which is down 4 students from the Winter 2015 count. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

On September 15th an inspection was made on the Campbell building and there is a mold problem. Mike Langenburg and Randy Schuette both made proposals to clean up the mold. After discussion between the board and both men a motion was made by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski to use Schuette Services to clean the mold problem. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Hartel will also talk with Tavis Osentoski in regards to pushing to sell the building and lowering the asking price.

It was decided that there will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m., prior to the October board meeting to discuss the board goals.

Mr. Hartel reminded the board of the Fall Board Workshop on October 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the Tech Center.

Homecoming for Cass City is this Friday, October 2nd against Vassar.

A Strategic Plan group is being formed to discuss where we would like to be in terms of technology, transportation, increasing enrollment, etc. looking into the future. The Superintendent, building Principals, CFO and Technology director will be meeting and getting input from staff and community members to set these goal. They will update the board regularly.

The board was encouraged to attend the Fall Leadership Conference presented by MASB.

Public Participation: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Don Markel gave a report on the Elementary building and the Athletics department. Things are going well at the Elementary school. The parent meetings were well attended this year, they are waiting on some reading and math testing results, 3rd grade recently attended Project RED and the 4th grade will be going on a field trip to the Capital in Lansing on October 5th.

He also reported on Athletics, that the Fall athletic season is half over, that our teams are all doing well and that we are getting positive feedback on the free admission for Cass City students.

Principal Daniels reported that things are going well also at the Jr/Sr high school. This is homecoming week and he provided a list of details to the board regarding that. (A copy is in the Secretary's book). The Jr/Sr high school is also working with the Rotary on raising money for Polio awareness.

Food Service Director Shari Bock presented on Food Service. The Elementary free/reduced lunch is at 54% and the Jr/Sr high school is at 53%. 43% of Elementary students are taking advantage of the free breakfast program at the Elementary school. The school district won a free salad bar and a shipment of fresh berries through Fresh Start. This was an online voting contest through Facebook.

Mr. Hartel presented information on the Transportation department. (A copy in the Secretary's book.) He also is looking into other options for obtaining new busses such as leasing busses or buying those that have been leased.

It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski, to allow the Jr/Sr high school marching band to participate in the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival Parade on Sunday, October 4, 2015. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other: None

At 8:00 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew, that the regular meeting be adjourned and the Board go into closed session, to discuss a student issue. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:26 p.m. a motion was made by Craig Bellew, supported by Emily Phillips to reopen the open session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Craig Bellew made a motion, supported by David Osentoski, that Student A be allowed to return to school with the stipulation that he attends homework support until his classwork is caught up. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Janie Meeker made a motion, supported by Craig Bellew, that Student B be expelled for a semester. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:30 p.m., it was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski, that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Janie Meeker, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education