

CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 23, 2012

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on July 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City High School Library by President Craig Bellew.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Bellew, Alice Zaleski, James Veneziano, David Osentoski, Kathy Leslie,
and Sloane Stimpfel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Manwell

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, H.S. Principal Daniels, Cass City Elementary Principal Fernald,
Asst. Principal Markel, CFO Klosowski and Food Service Director Bock.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bellew.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Sloane Stimpfel, that the agenda be approved as presented with one (1) addition (**II. H. 6. Bus Mechanic**) **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by David Osentoski, that the minutes from the regular monthly held on, June 25, 2012 be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copies are in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by James Veneziano, supported by Craig Bellew, that the bills in the amount of \$157,675.17 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentations: None

Reports and Communications:

Superintendent Hartel announced plans for a community open house with a tailgate party picnic, in the Cass City Elementary Café, prior to the first home varsity football game on August 24, 2012 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The Board was updated on the newly aligned administrative roles for the 2012/2013 school year. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Building principals informed the Board on the summer progress happening in each of their buildings.

After discussing a suggestion to reduce traffic congestions at the Cass City Elementary and Cass City Jr./Sr. High School, the Board agreed to have Superintendent Hartel pursue the issue and report his findings at the August board meeting. The plan proposes to have designated pickup/drop off areas for town students to be bussed to and from their school buildings.

The Board reviewed the district's annual report cards and AYP (adequate yearly progress). They were:
Campbell Elementary – Grade B and the building met AYP
CCMS – Grade C and the building met AYP
CCHS – Grade C and the building did not meet AYP

Superintendent Hartel announced that there will be two (2) open board seats for the November 2012 election (James Veneziano and Kathy Leslie). The deadline for filing a nominating petition, with the Elkland Township Clerk (Ed LaBelle) is Tuesday, August 14th.

The Board announced plans to hold an auction of numerous school furnishing, etc., that are no longer needed on Saturday, October 6th starting at 10:00 a.m. at Campbell Elementary.

Public Participation: None

Unfinished Business:

A Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Policy from the Thrun Law Firm, to establish guidelines and procedures in connection with tax-exempt or tax-advantaged bonds and other obligations was discussed. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Sloane Stimpfel, that the resolution be put in place and that a debt compliance officer be named. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Funding options for the school nurse position were revisited. Hills and Dales General Hospital officials have offered to contribute \$17,500 towards salary costs. After discussion the Board unanimously agreed to continue the position for the 2012/13 school year, **but with no benefits.**

Principal Fernald informed the Board on kindergarten class sizes. The issue will be re-visited at the August board meeting.

Superintendent Hartel reported that a decision to hire current bus drivers as METS or CCPS employees is still pending new retirement rates.

The Board accepted the resignation from James Veneziano (school board treasurer) with regrets. Interviews and the appointment, to fill the vacant position through December 31st will take place at a **special board meeting**, to be held Monday, August 6th in the CCHS board room. Twenty minute interviews will be allotted for each candidate.

An agreement with Kingston Community Schools to share the district's part time bus mechanic was reviewed by the Board. The arrangement includes a hourly wage of \$22.00 per hour with Kingston officials providing 75 percent of the health insurance cost and CCPS providing 25 percent of cost and the repair facility for both districts.

Other: None

At 8:10 p.m., it was moved by James Veneziano, supported by Alice Zaleski, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Sloane Stimpfel, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education