

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 22, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on August 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Library by President Alice Zaleski.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janie Meeker and Daniel Manwell

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Elementary Principal Fernald, Asst. Principal/A.D. Director Markel, 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 Craig Bellew, that the agenda be approved with one addition **(I, F, 1, i Staff Reduction Resolution)**. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting held on July 25, 2016 be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copies are in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Craig Bellew, that the bills in the amount of \$91,117.11 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentation:

A thank you note from teacher Jeni Green was read by Alice Zaleski.

Reports and Communications:

The Bond mill rate will be 3 mills for the 2016-17 school year. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski to accept the L-4029 Tax Rate Request. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A discussion was had on the reports presented in regards to maintenance that were discussed at a special board meeting on August 15, 2016. It was decided to fix leaking pipes and to fix the cracks in the sidewalks at the elementary and to have spare parts available in case of an emergency for both buildings. Also to treat the water in the pipes in both buildings.

The Board goals for the 2015-2016 school year were discussed. It was felt that about 75% of the goals were met and will discuss the Board Goals for 2016-2017 school year at the September board meeting.

Aaron Fernald reported on the elementary school and stated that enroll was looking better than expected. There will be another open enrollment being held at the elementary school on Monday, August 29, 2016. Class lists are posted and he feels they are ready for the opening of school and that the building itself is looking good.

Don Markel presented for both the Jr/Sr High school as well as the athletic department. He said that 7th and 9th grade orientation nights went well and there was much positive feedback from parents. Scheduling has been completed and Mrs. Hempton is available for revisions. High school athletics have begun and that

participation numbers took good with the exception of JV Football. Their season has been cancelled for this year. We also had to cancel club sport, boys tennis, due to lack of numbers.

Superintendent Hartel informed the board that he will be a Region 5 Legislative Representative and will be meeting in Lansing once a month to discuss issues with Representatives and Senators.

Superintendent Hartel presented the board with some new laws that will be affecting schools. (A copy is in the Secretary's book).

MASB fall conference will be held November 10-13, 2016 in Detroit.

Mr. Hartel invited the board to attend the opening day breakfast on Tuesday, August 30 at 8:00 am in the Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria.

Due to the low number of qualifying students in the GSRP program, we need to eliminate our half day program. This action will make it necessary to reduce our teaching staff. Teacher Ronald McCollum will be laid off effective the end of August. The Staff Reduction Resolution was presented by Alice Zaleski, supported by Craig Bellew. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's Book)

Public Participation:

During Public Participation MEA Representative William Burleson asked a few questions regarding the teacher layoff.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A letter of resignation from Grounds Maintenance employee Matt Prieskorn was read. A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski, to accept his resignation with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Craig Bellew, to hire Tracy Robinson as the elementary social worker, replacing Beth Howard who retired in June. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other: None

At 7:54 p.m., it was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Craig Bellew that the regular monthly meeting be Adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Alice Zaleski, President
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education