

Cass City Public Schools

Board Goals

2011 – 2012

School Policy

1. New school board policy manual to be fully implemented and on the school website by the end of the 1st semester. Present 1st reading/draft on new policies at the September board meeting with the second reading completed/adopted by the October board meeting.

Curriculum and AYP Status

2. Achieve AYP in all buildings with a target achievement goal of the highest in the Tri-County area for 2012. Achieve an A rating on the state report card ranking. Continue to ensure that curriculum is aligned to state and/or national standards. Administer fall, winter and spring assessments. Continue the use of daily interventions based on individual student needs. Data results will be discussed frequently at grade level, building level and district level meetings and will be used to make informed decisions on the education offered to our students.

Student Enrollment

3. Closely monitor student enrollment in our district. Fall and winter student enrollment will be presented and discussed during the months of October and February. Continue to use Facebook and other social networks to market Cass City Public Schools. Cultivate positive relationships with local, county and state media as a means to maintain or increase student enrollment by promoting school programs and/or student work.

Fiscal Responsibility

4. Maintain a 7% fund balance while striving to achieve 10%. Monthly monitoring of the budget at school board meetings. Being fiscally responsible in all areas of spending. CFO will develop budgets and monitor investments. Superintendent will work closely with CFO and assist with decision making in regards to the budget.

Superintendent of Schools

5. Superintendent will build positive relationships with community groups and will keep the community informed of school matters. Superintendent will be active and visible in the community as well as open and honest with district stakeholders and the board of education.
6. Superintendent will improve knowledge of school finance. The superintendent will attend professional development as often as possible in regards to school finance. He/she will work closely with CFO on budget and school finance. The superintendent will be prepared to present information and answer questions at monthly board meetings in regards to budget items and school finance.

Professional Development

7. All board members will attend at least one board training session. Board members will continue to attend CBA classes or other training offered locally or through MASB. Continue to build the board's capacity to work together as a team through open dialogue, training sessions, team-building activities and work sessions. Each board member will stay abreast of local, state and national education news and issues. Study the laws, rules, protocols and policies that apply to school boards and public K – 12 education.

Visibility

8. All board members will volunteer at least one day in the elementary, middle school or high school. Board members will contact the building principal to schedule a visit and learn about the programs being offered in our district. Board members will attempt to get to know our staff and students and get an overall feel for each building's environment.

Communication

9. Maintain open and honest communication between each board member and the superintendent by keeping the lines of communication open. Speak as one board on crucial public relations issues. Listen to all the facts before taking a position or passing judgment. Develop/update a board and district communication plan.