

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 28, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on October 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City High School Library by President Craig Bellew.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Bellew, Sloane Stimpfel, David Osentoski, Daniel Manwell, Jeffrey Loomis, and Janie Meeker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alice Zaleski

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, Asst. Principal/A.D. Director Markel, CFO Klosowski, IT Director Severance, Outdoor Maintenance Director Schuette, and Cafeteria Director Bock

The meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, 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 Jeffrey Loomis, supported by Janie Meeker, that the minutes from the special meeting, (Board Goals), the regular monthly board meeting and also the closed session meeting held on September 23, 2013 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 \$200,663.71 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:
Landon Schenk – 6th Grade and William Haas – 10th Grade

Reports and Communications:

Gary Anderson, from Anderson, Tuckey, Burnhardt and Doran, P.C. CPA's reviewed the 2012/2013 fiscal audit report. The results of his report stated that Cass City Public Schools ended the 2013 school year conforming to acceptable general accounting practices with a general fund balance as of June 30, 2013 of \$913,223.00, . It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by David Osentoski, that the report be accepted as presented. **All AYES. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

The Board heard the monthly budget report (DS-4868) from CFO, Mike Klosowski. It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the report be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Shari Bock gave an annual update, regarding her responsibilities, as the cafeteria supervisor.

Linda Volz, MCAN Coordinator for Cass City Public Schools gave a presentation about the Michigan College Access Network. She explained that MCAN's mission is to create an expectation that every student in Michigan continue learning after high school by attainment of postsecondary credential, including professional/technical certificates and academic degrees.

Superintendent Hartel announced that the Cass City Elementary School was recently identified by the Michigan State Board of Education as a "Reward Schools". These schools were recognized for high-performance or high progress in terms of student achievement, that exceed expectations based on characteristics of the school.

The Board agreed to hold quarterly professional development workshops. The first special board meeting will be held on November 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. CFO Klosowski will be training the Board to use the Munetrix System, which allows school districts to determine their "fiscal health".

Superintendent Hartel reported that the schools' bus fleet was recently inspected by the Michigan State Police, with only one (1) of the thirteen busses being red tagged, due to a brake issue.

The Board discussed hiring an additional special education teacher (4/7th of a day), due to an increased number of students with special needs. Applications will be accepted through November 01, 2013.

The Board reviewed enrollment figures for the nine (9) public school systems within the Tuscola Intermediate School District.

An athletic update was given by Mr. Markel, A.D. Also, a list of the winter athletic coaches was presented to the Board.

Public Participation:

Tim and Meranda Harper from Ahead of the Curve (Driver Education Training) requested permission to be present at the November 01, 2013 parent/teacher conferences, to explain their services to parents.

The Board was invited to attend the Veterans Day ceremony, in honor of area veterans on November 11th in the high school beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

It was moved by Jeffrey Loomis, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the first reading of the NEOLA Policy Updates (summary) for 2013 be approved, as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other:

Board member, Sloane Stimpfel requested that the sale of the Campbell building (elementary) be revisited at the November 25th regular board meeting.

At 8:15 p.m., it was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the regular meeting be adjourned and the Board go into closed session, to discuss the new teacher contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The open meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m. It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by David Osentoski, that the board accept the tentative agreement between the CCEA/TCBA and the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was also moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the Board compensate the administrators with a 1.5 percent pay increase. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 9:00 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Sloane Stimpfel, that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Sloane Stimpfel, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education

