

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
April 27, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on April 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City High School Library by President Alice Zaleski.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, Cafeteria Supervisor Bock and CFO Mary Cunningham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zaleski.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Craig Bellew, 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 Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew, that the minutes from the regular monthly & closed session board meetings held on March 23, 2015, be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker, that the bills in the amount of \$364,317.84 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 student as the Red Hawk Award of Excellence Winner.

**Hailey Dubs – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

The Board acknowledged the "Class of 2015" Honor Students.

**Valedictorian** – Luke Koepf and **Salutatorian** – Elizabeth Venema

**Seniors earning GPAs of 3.50 or higher are:** Morgan Anderson, Jane Ballard, Rachel Collins, Rebecca Graff, Katie House, Hunter Langenburg, Erika Martin, Rachel Miller, Barbara Steely, Jackson Stern, Daymon Tabako, Aubrei Witherspoon, Genna Woodward, Lucas Wright, Erin Zdrojewski

**Seniors earning GPAs of 3.00 to 3.49 are:** Kaitlyn Bock, Samuel Bootz, Kennedy Brown, Laura Cowdry, Jacob Guinther, Robert Haley, Laken London, Drew Loomis, Ethan Montei, Kyle Osentoski, Kyle Potrykus, Jordan Raymond, Kyle Ross, Elizabeth Sanders, Lindsay Schotter, Nathan Shantz, Miranda Spry, Lauren Stilson, Rachel Tanner

Secretary Meeker read a letter from Noreene Young (a Cass City fan) complimenting the Cass City High School Players on their outstanding performance at the school play.

**Reports and Communications:**

CFO Mary Cunningham reported to the board that a review was being done on the insurance for the administrative groups and there will be a change. She will be working on the 2015-2016 school year budget. This year's (2014-2015) final budget will be presented at the next board meeting.

Superintendent Hartel talked about the budget surplus and would like to see it spent this school year. Which would still leave the fund balance at approximately 12.19%. A motion was made by Craig Bellew, supported by

Alice Zaleski to spend the budget surplus on text books, parking lot repairs, bus garage roof and an entrance to the fields off of Bulen Dr. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Hartel asked that the time of next month's board meeting be changed to 6:00 p.m so that Gene Pierce TISD Superintendent can present the ISD Budget Resolution prior to their board meeting.

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, that the resignation from CFO Mary Cunningham be accepted with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy of the letter is in the Secretary's book)

**Public Participation:**

Superintendent Hartel wanted to let the board know that Christin Hempton, Dean of Students, wanted to thank Reed Keyser and Lyle Severance for all their hard work in preparing the school for its first online M-Step testing. Things thus far have been running smoothly.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew, that the first reading of the NEOLA Spring Policy Updates be accepted as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Dave Weiler, Vice President, of the Cass City Athletic Boosters came to the board with 2 proposals for Student Sports admissions. Proposal A would allow student K-12 into all games at no charge. Proposal B would be to go to 10 to 20 businesses to raise \$5,000 to \$10,000 to allow all students into all sporting events at no charge. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew, to go with proposal B for a 1 year trial basis. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

**Other: None**

At 7:35 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew, that the regular meeting be adjourned and they go into closed session, to discuss teacher continued employment contracts, negotiations and a student expulsion. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The open meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m. and President Zaleski asked that motions be made, for continued employment, on the following teacher contracts.

It was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by David Osentoski, to grant **Thomas Gruber a Tenure Contract.** **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Alice Zaleski, to grant **Adam Dorland a Tenure Contract.** **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Janie Meeker, to grant **Mandy Haag a Tenure Contract.** **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Dan Manwell, to grant **Ashley Copeland a Fourth Year Probationary Contract.** **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Dan Manwell, supported by Emily Phillips, to grant **Russell Weyer a Third Year Probationary Contract.** **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Emily Phillips, supported by Stacey Bliss, to grant **Steven Hollocker a Third Year Probationary Contract.** **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by David Osentoski, to grant **Sherri Distelrath a Second Year Probationary Contract.** **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew that **Student A**, having received 15 points, be expelled. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:13 p.m. it was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Dan Manwell, that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Janie Meeker, Secretary  
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education

