

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 21, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City High School Board Room by President Alice Zaleski.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janie Meeker

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, Asst. Principal Markel, CFO Zimba, and Technology Director Severance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 4 of Jenifer Greens students

The meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Craig Bellew, that the agenda be approved with 1 addition (E 2. Letter of congratulations). **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Daniel Manwell, supported by David Osentoski, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting held on February 22, 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 \$239,172.63 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 **2015/16 GTW Athletic All-Conference Winners:**

Girls Basketball – 2nd Team – Sayge Cuthrell
Honorable Mention – Kelsey Bouverette
Boys Basketball – 1st Team – Parker Haire
2nd Team – Sawyer Cuthrell
Wrestling – 2nd Team – Tylor Cowdry (State Qualifier), Seth Osentoski (State Qualifier), Alex Jeffrey
Honorable Mention – Race Woloshen, Wyatt Dickson (State Medalist)
Regional Champion and State Medalist T.J. Moore
Bowling – 2nd team – State Qualifier – Chandler Cryderman
Gymnastics – Regional Qualifiers – Alexis Bates (All Around)
Victoria Mathewson (Vault & Bars)
Sophia Romain, Becca Mulrath, Emily Gilliam (Beam)
Megan Graham, Kate Dzyuba, Savannah Walker (Vault)

A thank you note was read from Kate VanAuken for nominating her for the Friend of the Youth at the Thumb Track & Field meet of champions.

A letter was read from Noreene Young congratulating the school on a wonderful performance of their play.

1st grade teacher Jenifer Green brought 4 of her students, Braxton Kolacz, Ethan Speirs, Alexis Tamlyn and Evelyn Gniewek to give a presentation on the use of technology in the classroom. The students gave a presentation on life cycles and showed how they put their power points together.

Physical education teacher Adam Dorland gave a presentation on some of the curriculum he is using in the elementary building. Some of the extra things he is doing with health and nutrition. Also he spoke on some of the things he would like to see in the future.

Reports and Communications:

CFO Allison Zimba presented to the board a budget scenario for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. She also proposed potential buyouts. The board decided to table the vote on offering a buyout until the April board meeting. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

The contract with the CCEA was signed by Alice Zaleski, Craig Bellew and David Osentoski.

A discussion was had regarding the make-up snow days. We had 10 snow/fog days and 1 early release day. 6 days are forgiven. We need to make up 4.39 days to get in the required number of days and hours. There is a way to appeal to the state for more forgiven days. After some discussion a motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Craig Bellew to make up the 4 days needed. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Technology Director Lyle Severance presented on future expenditures for technology. There is an E-rate program that he can apply for to offset the costs of these expenditures significantly (A copy is in the Secretary's book). A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Craig Bellew to apply for the E-rate savings. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** Also a motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Craig Bellew to move forward with the other 2 items that are not covered under the E-rate discount. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Participation:

Dan Manwell expressed his thanks for the support he and his family received during the death of his mother in law.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Athletic Director Don Markel asked for board approval of forming a cooperative boy's soccer team with USA schools. Sign-up sheets were placed outside of the office since the last board meeting and only 9 boys signed up to play, they needed a minimum of 11. A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski to form a cooperative soccer team with USA. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Band Director Laura Curtis gave a presentation on the many successes that the band program has had this past year. She included a power point presentation including an audio recording of one of the selections that the High School Symphony performed at their recent festival competition. Also the Jazz band is asking permission to perform on Sunday, April 24th at a Jazz Festival held at Bad Axe High School. A motion was made by Craig Bellew, supported by Daniel Manwell to allow the Sunday performance. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Music Booster President Beth Kittle asked permission from the board for the Music Boosters to do a casino bus trip fundraiser. A motion was made by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski to allow the Cass City Music Boosters to hold a casino bus trip fundraiser. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other: None

At 8:54 p.m., it was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the regular meeting be adjourned and the board go into closed session to discuss student issues. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 9:45 p.m. a motion was made by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski to reconvene the open session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Craig Bellew to allow **Student A** to return to school on a 1 pt. rule. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** A motion was made by Craig Bellew, supported by Stacey Bliss to permanently expel Student B. Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 and 1 member abstained.

At 9:50 p.m. it was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski, that the regular meeting be adjourned.

Janie Meeker, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education