

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

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

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bellew.

Superintendent Hartel administered the oath of office to newly elected board members **Janie Meeker** and **Jeffrey Loomis**. (Term: 2013-2017)

President pro tem Craig Bellew open the floor for nomination of 2013/2014 school board officers: It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Sloane Stimpfel, to nominate **Craig Bellew for president**. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski, to nominate **Alice Zaleski for vice president**. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Alice Zaleski, to nominate **Sloane Stimpfel for secretary**. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Craig Bellew, to nominate **David Osentoski for treasurer**. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski, that the agenda be approved as presented, with the following deletion under Routine Items, II., F., 2. – **Elementary Student Presentation – Mrs. Walker**. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by Alice Zaleski, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting and also the closed session meeting held December 17, 2012 be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copies are in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Alice Zaleski, that the bills in the amount of \$235,078.38 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentations:

Superintendent Hartel recognized the Board with Cass City candy filled mugs and certificates in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.

The Board was informed that CCPS has been presented a safety award from SETSEG (the district's comp. insurance firm) for its outstanding employee safety record in 2012. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Reports and Communications:

Caro dentist Dr. Dennis Spillane of the Thumb Area Dental Clinic approached the Board with a proposal to lease the west wing of the Campbell building. Spillane is part of 30 Thumb area dentists that wish to provide a non-profit dental clinic for Medicaid and indigent people of Huron, Tuscola, and Sanilac Counties. After discussion, it was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Jeff Loomis, to approve negotiating a lease with the group. The proposed terms are: A three (3) year lease to own agreement, including a rent payment of \$500.00 per month, with the option to purchase the entire building at the end of the 3- year lease, provided school officials agree to sell at that time. The dental group would pay for its own utility costs and building upkeep determined by a utility study. **AYES:** Craig Bellew, Alice Zaleski, Sloane Stimpfel, Daniel Manwell, Jeffrey Loomis and Janie Meeker. **NAYS:** David Osentoski. **MOTION CARRIED - SIX (6) to ONE (1).** (A copy of the proposal is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by David Osentoski, that the amended 2012/2013 General Fund Budget, presented by CFO Klosowski (with a change of \$599,540.00 from the original budget) be approved as printed, with a projected fund balance of \$1,386,525.00 now anticipated. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Superintendent Hartel also informed the Board of the security updates and measures that have been recently put into place in the two (2) school buildings.

The Board reviewed a preliminary balance sheet coming out of the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference for 2013/2014. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

The Board learned that the district plans to have a professional development day Monday, February 18th. There will be no students in attendance that day.

Public Participation: None

Unfinished Business:

The possibility of the Board developing a Strategic Plan was re-visited. Superintendent Hartel will contact other districts that have used such a plan and report back to the Board at the regular February 25th board meeting.

New Business:

Regular Board meeting dates and times were established. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Sloane Stimpfel, that the regular meetings for the 2013/2014 year be held the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library, unless specified, (including the Red Hawk award of Excellence presentation scheduled for the months of October, December, February, and April). **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by David Osentoski, that the superintendent and the bookkeeper be authorized to complete electronic transactions and sign payroll checks (ACH/Payroll Checks). **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by Alice Zaleski, that the district CFO and superintendent be the designated signatories for various bank accounts and investment of funds. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Superintendent and board evaluation forms were distributed, with a return date of February 15, 2013. The information will be compiled for review at the regular board meeting on February 25th.

The Board was ask to select a person who has made special contributions to area children. This person and other school nominees will be honored at the Thumb Meet of Champions to be held in late May at Caro.

High School Principal Daniels presented a new policy allowing qualified students to eliminate taking final exams for the second semester. Since this is the first reading, a decision on the policy will be made at the regular February 25th meeting. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, approved by Craig Bellew, to approve the request for a Sunday all school play performance scheduled for March 17th. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other: None

At 8:18 p.m., it was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski, that the regular meeting be adjourned to go into closed session to discuss student expulsions. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The open meeting reconvened at 10:45 p.m. The student discipline issues from the closed session were revisited. It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Sloane Stimpfel, that **Student A** be allowed back in the classroom under the one (1) point rule and be required to present a list of future goals to Principal Daniels within two (2) weeks. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Daniel Manwell, supported by David Osentoski, that **Student B's** request for reinstatement to school be denied and he remain suspended for the 2012/2013 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Craig Bellew, that **Student C** be allowed back in the classroom under the one (1) point rule. He must also provide a list of future goals to Principal Daniels within two (2) weeks. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board felt that **Student D's** situation was a result of some personality issues that maybe could be resolved. Their recommendation was that she return to school. She was also ask to complete a list of future goals and return it to Superintendent Hartel by Wednesday, January 30, 2013.

At 10:55 p.m., it was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Alice Zaleski, that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Sloane Stimpfel, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education