

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 25, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on February 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City High School Library by Vice President Alice Zaleski.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig Bellew

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Zaleski.

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 Sloane Stimpfel, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting and also the closed session meeting held January 28, 2013 be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copies are in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Jeffrey Loomis, that the bills in the amount of \$161,387.34 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentations:

The following Red Hawk of Excellence Winners were introduced.

Abigail Phillips – 4th Grade

Anna Bagnall – 11th Grade

The following band Solo and Ensemble Festival participants were recognized by the Board.

Receiving Division I (Excellent) Rating:

High School

Paul Verhines and Brian Mohr (Percussion Duet)

Michael Mulligan (French Horn Solo) Passed State Competency Level 3

Ilana Blattner (French Horn Solo)

Anna Bagnall (Flute Solo) Passed competency Level 2

Rachel Patera (Piano Solo and Clarinet Solo) Passed State Competency Level 3

Kayla Zmierski (Flute Solo) Passed State Competency Level 3

Elisabeth Milligan (Piano Solo)

Emily Kuenzli (Piano Solo)

Kristin Ewald, Elisabeth Milligan, Kara Reif and Audrey VanAuken (Saxophone Quartet)

Junior High

Claire Kausch (Trumpet Solo)

Megan Graham (Clarinet Solo)

Paige Bagnall (Clarinet Solo)

Jade Galenski (Flute Solo)

Katelyn Kuenzli (Piano Solo)

Amy Verhines (Alto Sax Solo)

Savannah Walker (Tenor Sax Solo)
Paige Bagnall, Joey Morrish, Seth Roggenbuck, Amy Verhines (Saxophone/Clarinet Quartet)

Receiving Division II (Good) Rating:

High School

Chandler Cryderman (Bass Clarinet Solo)
Katie House, Libby Venema, Chandler Cryderman (Saxophone Trio)
Jodi Engel and Michaela Romain (Clarinet/Flute Duet)
Katie House, Libby Venema (Saxophone Duet)

Junior High

Alyssa Sangster (Alto Sax Solo)
Alexis Mazure and Nikki Younglove (Alto Sax/Clarinet Duet)
Jade Galenski and Maddie Mandich (Flute Duet)

Tri-County Honors Band

Tri-County Honors Band is an audition only Honors Band that consists of the top high school band students from Sanilac, Huron and Tuscola Counties. Participating this year from Cass City were: Anna Bagnall, Flute; Kayla Zmierski, Flute; Rachel Patera, Clarinet; Chandler Cryderman, Bass Clarinet; Emily Kuenzli, Trumpet; Elisabeth Milligan, Bari Saxophone. The performance was February 3, 2013 at the Harbor Beach Community Theater in Harbor Beach. The guest conductor this year was Mr. Steven Burns from Lapeer, MI.

Reports and Communications:

CFO Mike Klosowski presented a revision to the January amended budget. It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by David Osentoski, that line number 1111-Elementary be corrected to \$2,383,740.00 with a projected fund balance of \$987,275.00 now anticipated at the end of June. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Superintendent Hartel reported that the enrollment figures, from the February 2013 statewide student count, are down by five (5) students compared to the fall enrollment, with a total of 1,077 presently attending CCPS.

The Board also reviewed the school's latest Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores, with CCPS still ranking number one (1) in Tuscola County.

The Board discussed how The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (known as "Obama Care") will affect the school district next year. The number of employees involved is approximately 27.

Superintendent Hartel informed the Board that contract negotiations between the district and the Cass City Education Association (CCEA) are scheduled to begin on March 13th, with David Osentoski and Craig Bellew representing the Board.

Public Participation: None

Unfinished Business:

It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by David Osentoski, that the new exam exemption policy, presented at the January board meeting be adopted. It would allow qualified students to eliminate taking final exams for the second semester. The new policy requires that students have five (5) or less absences, have a 3.0 or higher citizenship grade, have a B- or higher grade for the 4th marking period and have parental signature to opt out of the exam. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Superintendent Hartel shared information from surrounding schools that have developed Strategic Plans for their districts. After discussion, the Board agreed to establish their own goals first and then explore the issue further at a later date.

The results from the annual superintendent and school board evaluations were discussed:

Superintendent Hartel received a Superior/Above Average evaluation, which rates him as an **effective administrator**. After discussion, it was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by David Osentoski, to add one (1) year to Mr. Hartel's continuing contract, extending it through May 2016. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by David Osentoski, seconded by Sloane Stimpfel, to accept the Board's self-evaluation with an Above Average/Average rating. The Board works well together, but they feel there are still areas for improvement. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board named James Baker as Cass City's nomination for the "**Friend of Youth Award**", that will take place during the annual Thumb Meet of Champions, to be held on May 28th at Caro.

New Business:

Secretary Stimpfel read a letter of resignation from high school **Agriscience Educator** and **FFA Advisor. Ashlee Gibson**, with an effective date of February 25, 2013. It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by David Osentoski, to accept the resignation with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Daniel Manwell to grant a request from Jeanie Adamczyk. (Red Hawk PTO President) to use the high school gymnasium on November 08, 2013, to host a donkey basketball game fundraiser. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other: None

At 8:10 p.m., it was moved by Jeffrey Loomis, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the regular meeting be adjourned to go into closed session, to discuss student expulsions. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The open meeting reconvened at 8:46 p.m. The three (3) student discipline issues from the closed session were revisited.

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Sloane Stimpfel, that **Student A**, be allowed back in the classroom under the one (1) point rule. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A discipline copy is in the closed session book.)

It was moved by Daniel Manwell, supported by Alice Zaleski, that **Student B, NOT** be allowed to return to the classroom for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A discipline copy is in the closed session book.)

It was moved by Sloane Stimpfel, supported by Daniel Manwell, that **Student C**, be allowed back in the classroom under the one (1) point rule. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A discipline copy is in the closed session book.)

At 8:51 p.m., it was moved by Jeffrey Loomis, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Sloane Stimpfel, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education

