

CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 28, 2025

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on April 28, 2025 at 7:00 pm, in the Jr/Sr High School Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janie Meeker, Mandy Ross, George Batty, Bryce VanVliet and Kevin Rice

MEMBERS ABSENT: Emily Lasceski and Stacey Bliss

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Zimba, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Hartzell, Elementary Principal Fernald, CFO Pearce and Student Achievement Coordinator Bitzer

Treasurer Batty adopted the consent agenda as presented in the board packet, with additions to E;1;c Recommendations for continued employment.

A motion was made by Kevin Rice, supported by Bryce VanVliet, to accept the consent agenda as presented in the board packet, with additions to Recommendation for Continued Employment. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

Recognition and Presentations:

1. 2024/2025 Winter BTC White Division All-Conference winners are:

Girls Basketball: First Team – Shelby Ignash and Lexi Champagne

Second Team – Skylar Ignash

Honorable Mention – Lexi Tamlyn and Diana Cortes

Boys Basketball: Second Team – Trent Patrick and Griffin Weiler

Honorable Mention – Ryker Wallace and Matt Mellendorf

Bowling: First Team – Jarod Mathewson - State Qualifier

Second Team - Garret Reinke, Carson Moody, Dylan Severance and Kalee Koch

Wrestling: First Team – Parker Pisarek and Rylan Kruse – 4th place in State, 105 career falls, 150 career wins

Honorable Mention - Mason Brown, Aaron Pietrzak – 100 career wins and Chelsea Roach – 1st female w/100 career wins

Gymnastic: State Qualifiers - Lauren Bartnik and Bella Klee (Ubly)

2. Class of 2025 - Honor Students:

Seniors earning GPAs of 3.50 or higher are: Carson Anthes, Taylor Anthony, Elizabeth Binder, Alexis Champagne, Danielle Curtis, Landon Dubs, Madyson Elston, Alysa Fritz, Zoe Fuelleman, Mason Gniewek, Kacee Gray, Brooke Hatcher, Kian Hoppe, Mackenzie Hudson, Shelby Ignash, Taylor Jones, Madeline Mathewson, Kylie McKee, Matthew Mellendorf, Carson Moody, Roman Muter, Mia Myers-Caister, Trenton Patrick, Madison Radabaugh, Garrett Reinke, Chelsea Roach, Dylan Severance and Emily Speirs.

Seniors earning GPAs of 3.00 to 3.49 are: Mason Brown, Justin Daniels, Gage Dilsaver, Maya Doerr, Jacob Guilds Audrina Hartwick, Mariah Henne, Delayna Kaake, Eric Kester, Rylan Kruse, Brendon Lord, Jarod Mathewson, Brianna McKee, Anthony Nance, Isabelle Phillips, Brayden Pine, Ali Rocheleau, Katelyn Rockwell, William Steely and Eli Wright

Public Participation: None

Reports and Communications:

Graduation is May 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker is Chase Winter.

CFO Natalie Pearce gave a quick financial update. The proposed foundation allowance for the 25-26 school year is \$10,000 per student. The state is working on other categories such as safety and mental health.

Recommendations for continued employment (Probationary Teachers):

It was moved by George Batty, supported by Bryce VanVliet, to grant Rachel Spicer a Second Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by George Batty, supported by Kevin Rice, to grant Rylie Weiler a Second Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Kevin Rice, supported by Mandy Ross to grant Sara Cramer a Third Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Mandy Ross, supported by George Batty to grant Tiffany Adams a Fourth Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Kevin Rice, supported by Bryce VanVliet to grant Kelsey Horner a Fourth Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Mandy Ross, supported by Kevin Rice to grant Abigail Vance a Fifth Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by George Batty, supported by Bryce VanVliet to grant Karn Brown a Fifth Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Kevin Rice, supported by Bryce VanVliet to grant Vicki Kiehl a Fifth Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Bryce VanVliet, supported by Mandy Ross, to grant Steve VerBurg a Fifth Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by George Batty, supported by Kevin Rice to grant Melissa Paulik a Tenure Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Bryce VanVliet, supported by Mandy Ross to grant Kyle Pine a Tenure Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Kevin Rice, supported by Bryce VanVliet to grant Eric Hanby a Second Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by George Batty, supported by Kevin Rice to grant Justin Ketterer a Fourth Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Mandy Ross, supported by George Batty to grant Jordyn Nordstrom a Fifth Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Kevin Rice, supported by Bryce VanVliet to grant Jared Forbes a Fifth Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Mandy Ross, supported by Kevin Rice to grant Gretchen Ryneanson a Tenure Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A posting for a new Jr/Sr High School principal will be sent out with a deadline for applications being 5/8. The interview committee will get together and a proposed date of 5/12 or 13 for conducting interviews.

It was moved by George Batty, supported by Bryce VanVliet to accept the Co-Op contract for Boy's and Girl's Tennis with Caro. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A summary of the Strategic Plan was given to the board. There are a few areas that need to be worked on. These will be discussed in the next leadership team meeting. As a whole everything is going very well with the plan.

Barb Graff gave a report on the good things are going on in our district. (A copy is in the Secretary's book) In the absence of the student representative, Chelsea Roach, Barb also read a report from her. (A copy is in the Secretary's book).

Unfinished Business

It was moved by Kevin Rice, supported by Mandy Ross, to accept the second reading of the Thrun Board Policy Updates. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

It was moved by Bryce VanVliet, supported by Mandy Ross, to accept the hiring of Raegan Gembarski as Head Volleyball Coach. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Bryce VanVliet, supported by Kevin Rice to approve of the following donations:

- National FFA Organization \$2,500
- Jill Lockard \$500 – AG tractor
- Cass City Gavel \$2,500 – AG Tractor
- Copeland Insurance \$1,000 – AG tractor
- James Brown \$500 – AG tractor
- Milligan Farms \$500 – AG tractor
- Fred Ryan \$1,778.72 – gym floor sign

Cass City Gavel \$500 – Varsity Softball

All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

At 7:43 p.m., it was moved by Bryce VanVliet, supported by Mandy Ross, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Stacey Bliss, Secretary

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