

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 28, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on August 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Library by President Alice Zaleski.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alice Zaleski, Janie Meeker, Emily Lasceski, George Batty, Janet Richards and Stacey Bliss.

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Osentoski

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Elementary Principal Fernald, Jr/Sr High Principal Daniels, Asst. Principal/A.D. Director Markel, IT Director Lyle Severance and CFO Allison Zimba.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zaleski.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski, that the agenda be approved with one addition (I, F, L, h Board Member driving bus). **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting held on July 24, 2017 be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copies are in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker, that the bills in the amount of \$339,817.84 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentation:

A letter was read by Emily Lasceski from the MHSAA congratulating Cass City Schools for receiving no negative officials reports for the entire school year.

Reports and Communications:

CFO Allison Zimba presented the board with an adjusted final budget for the 2016-17 school year. Adjustments had to be made after the auditors review. (Copies are in the Secretary's book.)

Scott Hoefft from IDI Architecture Engineering Consultant and Tom Daniel from R & E Development Group presented their Facilities Analysis and a Bond vote option (copies are in the Secretary's book). They will be back on Tuesday, September 19th to walk through the buildings with the board at 5:00 p.m. with a work session to follow from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

IT Director Lyle Severance presented what is happening in the IT department. Upgrades to the fiber optics and wireless antennas. Baker College has donated approximately 190 computers. These are not brand new but are newer than the current school's computers. He also reported that the robotics program is growing and we are hosting a couple of events here in Cass City.

The Board goals for the 2016-2017 school year were discussed. A few of the goals were not met but it was felt that progress was being made towards those goals and will discuss the Board Goals for 2017-2018 school year at the September board meeting.

The Strategic Planning committee met prior to this meeting. It is in the beginning stages and will be meeting again in the future.

It was decided to go back to the previous email system for communication to the Board. The new system was not effective.

The date for graduation has been changed to Thursday, May 24, 2018.

Public Participation:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A letter of resignation from Jr/Sr High School para pro Deanna Loomis was read. A motion was made by Emily Lasceski, supported by George Batty, to accept her resignation with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A letter of resignation from Jr/Sr High School Social Studies teacher Lloyd Schinnerer was read. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski, to accept his resignation with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Emily Lasceski, supported by George Batty, to hire Jane Ignash as the Jr/Sr High School Social Studies teacher. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski, to hire Karen Sweeney as the GSRP teacher. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Janet Richards, to hire Andrea Tobey as a 1 year long term sub in the PREP program. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The board would like to thank the Association for allowing a short posting of these positions to get teachers into these positions.

Board member George Batty announced that he would be accepting employment by METS to be a bus driver for Cass City Schools. A motion was made by Emily Lasceski, supported by Stacey Bliss to approve George Batty to be a bus driver through METS. Roll Call vote: Alice Zaleski – Yes, Janie Meeker – Yes, Emily Lasceski – Yes, Stacey Bliss – Yes, Janet Richards – Yes, David Osentoski – Absent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other: None

At 8:15 p.m., it was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by Janie Meeker that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned to go into closed session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:41 p.m. a motion was made by Emily Lasceski, supported by Janie Meeker to reconvene the open session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A discussion was held in regards to the Superintendent's evaluation and everything is moving in the right direction.

At 8:42 p.m. a motion was made by Emily Lasceski, supported by Janie Meeker to close the open session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other: None

At 8:15 p.m., it was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by Janie Meeker that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned to go into closed session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Emily Lasceski, Secretary
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