

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 26, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on August 26, 2019 at 7:05 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Library by President Alice Zaleski.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alice Zaleski, George Batty, Janet Richards and Stacey Bliss.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janie Meeker, Emily Lasceski and David Osentoski

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Elementary Principal Fernald, Jr/Sr High Principal Daniels, Asst. Principal/A.D. Director Bitzer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zaleski.

President Zaleski adopted the consent agenda as presented in the board packet.

Recognition and Presentation: None

Public Participation: None

Reports and Communications:

Superintendent Hartel gave an update on the bond construction. They still have some fine tuning to get done but ready for the start of school. Mr. Hartel wanted to thank the board for their great decision to go with R & E Development. They have been great to work with along with the Architect Firm IDI, sub contractors Thumb Heating & Cooling, OSC, Inc., Booms Construction and Schneeberger's. He also thanked our custodial staff for their hard work and the CCPS staff for their patience and cooperation through this whole process.

The school board had a retreat on Friday, August 23rd. They discussed the progress of the strategic plan, the Cass City Promise, Building level special board meetings, the district goals, emergency operations plan and the timeline for the Superintendent's evaluation. Also discussed changing the location of the regular board meetings to the Library if the tables can be placed in a U shape.

Elementary Principal Fernald gave an update on the elementary school. They have hired 4 new teachers and a couple of teachers have changed grade levels. He wanted to thank teachers Julie Bitzer, Linda Stec and Tracey Jaworski for their help with the hiring process. The front door is not in yet, it should be in next week. The old system is still in place. The gym floor has been redone and is being used. MSTEP scores are in, there are improvements in all areas except 1. GSRP will have 18 AM students and 14 or 15 PM students. 20 qualified, 11 over income and a few 3 years olds. They will begin September 9th.

Jr/Sr High Principal Daniels reported that the gym floor will be worked on this week now that everything is moved out of the gym. They have 7 or 8 kids placed in the new Alternative ed program. Have a couple more to possibly place once school starts. The staff went through the 2 day Capturing Kids Hearts training, a lot of positive feedback from it. Thanked the board for allowing this training to happen.

Athletic Director Bitzer reported on the concussion testing that The Lighthouse came out and did. They came out and did a baseline test on our JV and Varsity football players. Working on more communication with community members and families on athletics. A program will be linked to our website (Schedule Star) to keep people up to date. Cass City was ranked 3rd in class C for kids that participate in multi sports. 84.7%

The school calendar was presented as information to the board.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Elementary New Hires: A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by George Batty to hire Emily Baur as a 2nd grade teacher beginning the 2019-20 school year. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Janet Richards to hire Kelli McIntyre as Library/Technology/PE teacher beginning the 2019-20 school year. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by George Batty to hire Matthew Sweeney as a 6th grade Science and ELA teacher beginning the 2019-2020 school year. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Jr/Sr High New Hires: A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Janet Richards to hire Andrew Whittakers as a Title/Technology teacher beginning the 2019-2020 school year. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Stacey Bliss read a resignation letter from teacher Ashley Copeland. A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by George Batty to accept the resignation, with regrets. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Other: None

At 7:30 p.m., it was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by Janet Richards that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Alice Zaleski, President
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education