

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 24, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on August 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High Board Room and via Zoom by President Alice Zaleski.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Osentoski

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Elementary Principal Fernald, Jr/Sr High Principal Daniels, IT Director Lyle Severance, Food Service Director Bock, Transportation Director Hanby and AD Ketterer.

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 reported that we were generally off to a good start with all the changes that are in place for this school year. He also presented an overview of the Return-to-Learn plan (A copy is in the Secretary's book). This will be a running agenda item going forward at future board meetings. This also addresses funding for this year. 75% from last year's count and 25% from this year. We are also required to do an Extended Continuity of Learning Plan.

As of today, the district student count is 956 total students. 782 are in-school and 175 are virtual.

Departmental summaries: Custodial - Still working to get all the supplies needed to use the Envirox product. We have what we need for the beginning of school. Will have 1 person during the day in each building to do cleaning and disinfecting. Nurse - we will have a quarantine room in each building. Will work closely with the health department on guidance for any type of COVID situation. Food Service - the first day of serving meals went well. Students will be ordering 1st hour. Virtual students will receive meals. Shari is working on pick up times where they can receive meals for the week. Technology - the goal is to be 1 to 1 with our technology in grades 3 - 12. We are still waiting on an order of 240 Chromebooks. It looks like it will be mid-September. We are finding out that flash drives are not a good solution for our virtual students. Looking into getting hot spot devices to support those that do not have reliable internet. Transportation - we are looking at having approximately 125 students being transported on 8 busses. They have put into place cleaning and sanitizing practices. We should have 1 of our new busses by the end of next week and the other shortly thereafter. Athletics - MHSAA has moved the football season to the spring. They are allowed to continue practicing until 10/31 with 16 voluntary practices with helmets only. Cross-country is going forward. They have their first meet tomorrow in Bad Axe with a limit of 70 runners. High School volleyball practices will continue outside for now. Junior high volleyball is canceled until a decision is made on whether volleyball will be played or not. CFO - The Revenue Estimating Conference call is tomorrow. Hope to have a better handle on the financing. Have not heard anything on foundation allowance. We are moving forward with GSRP even though we still do not know the status of their funding. Social work - received a grant from ProChat. This is a program where a pro athlete will interact with at-risk kids via FaceTime/phone calls. Elementary - 1st day went well. Last week the elementary teachers met with parents either in person or virtually to answer any questions. Jr/Sr high school - felt that the teachers were well prepared for the first day and that it went well. The staff also made contacts with parents.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty to hire Robin Keine as a 6th grade teacher beginning with the 2020-21 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski to hire Kyle Pine as 4th grade teacher beginning with the 2020-21 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Emily Lasceski read a resignation letter from teacher Cori Cotton. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski to accept the resignation, with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Other: None

At 8:05 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Emily Lasceki, Secretary
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