

**CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 18, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on December 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Library by President Alice Zaleski.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alice Zaleski, Emily Lasceski, David Osentoski, Janet Richards, George Batty and Stacey Bliss (arrived at 7:11 p.m.).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janie Meeker

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Asst. Principal/A.D. Director Markel, Student Representative Robert Weaver and CFO Zimba.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Alice Zaleski.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by David Osentoski, supported by Emily Lasceski, that the consent agenda be approved with an addition to the meeting agenda **II H. Employee Resignation**. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentations:

The Board recognized the following students as the Red Hawk Award of Excellence Winners:
Rebecca Morrish – 11th grade (Elementary student was ill, will present at January meeting)

Recognized teacher Kris Milligan for her work on obtaining a grant from Monsanto Farms in the amount of \$2,500 for the Ag Science program.

Recognized the success of the VEX robotics competition held here at the elementary school. Thanked all of those who volunteered to make this a success.

Reports and Communications:

CFO Zimba gave an updated list of the bond plans to the board. Will ask for an official resolution to move forward with the bond at the January meeting.

A presentation was made by English department chair Jane Reif on the need for new English textbooks. The priority being placed on the 7th and 8th grade. My Perspectives was the unanimous recommendation from the English Department. A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Emily Lasceski, to purchase the new English textbooks at a cost of \$16,848.01. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Science teacher T.C. Gruber presented a need for textbooks for the Anatomy class. Currently there are no textbooks. The cost would be approximately \$3,000. A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski, to purchase new Anatomy textbooks. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Free/Reduced lunch percentages are at the Elementary 55%, Jr/Sr High School 53% for a district total of 54%.

Our Sr High School students were ranked 7th out of 286 in the completion of the FASFA.

An update of the strategic planning was given and the final core values were established and are working on a mission and vision statement.

Starting to think about a pre Labor Day start for the next school year. Would potentially start the last week of August, still having the 4 day Labor Day weekend. The teacher's PD days would be the week before the students return.

Reminded the board to think about community members to help with the bond vote.

Public Participation: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Emily Lasceski, supported by David Osentoski, that the second reading of the NEOLA Policy Update be approved as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Emily Lasceski, supported by Stacey Bliss for Cass City Schools to remain a school of choice for the second semester. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was announced by Jr/Sr High School Principal Daniels that Justin Ketterer was hired as a para pro as outlined in the proposal given at the November board meeting.

A motion was made by Emily Lasceski, supported by Stacey Bliss to allow the selected band students to perform in the Tri-County Honors Band on Sunday, February 4, 2018. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Stacey Bliss, to allow a Sunday performance for the all school play on Sunday, March 18, 2018. **All AYES. Motion carried.**

A resignation letter was read from Cafeteria Worker Andrea Shagene. A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski, to accept her resignation with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other: None

At 7:57 p.m., it was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Emily Lasceski, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education