

CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**February 22, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Board of Education was called to order on February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Board Room and via Zoom by President Emily Lasceski.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alice Zaleski (via Zoom), Stacey Bliss, Scott Richards, Emily Lasceski, Janie Meeker and George Batty.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Osentoski

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Hartel, H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, CFO Allison Zimba, IT Director Severance and Student Representative Abby Phillips.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lasceski.

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

**Recognition and Presentations:** The following recognitions were made.

1. **1<sup>st</sup> Year NHS Members**

Seniors: Haven Bouverette and Brandon Witherspoon

Juniors: Laci Anthony, Abigail Essex, Olivia Graff, Kalee Gray, Abbey Halabis, Connor Herford, Alex Hopper, Erin Laurie, Asia Morgan, Vaughn Severance, Alex Swiderski, Breanna Wolschlager

2. **1<sup>st</sup> Semester Students of the Month**

September: Jr/Sr – Alex Hopper

October: KDG – Addisyn Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> – Jerry Crandall III, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Arianna Hendrick, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dillan Hollis, 4<sup>th</sup> – Ryleigh Middaugh, 5<sup>th</sup> – Ronan Johnson, 6<sup>th</sup> – Ava Eremia, Jr/Sr – Kalee Gray

November : KDG – Hayden Pergande, 1<sup>st</sup> – Brooklyn Polega, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jaxon Mausolf, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Maleia Laurie, 4<sup>th</sup> – Cadin Shippey, 5<sup>th</sup> – Preston Dorland, 6<sup>th</sup> – Milo Schwendinger, Jr/Sr – Trysten Gruber

December: KDG – Lucian Scott, 1<sup>st</sup> – Kimberly Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ella Ligrow, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Allyson Lockard, 4<sup>th</sup> – Brinley Weippert, 5<sup>th</sup> – Evan Arthur, 6<sup>th</sup> – Kayla Stout, Jr/Sr – Diana Cortes

January: Young 5's – Chase Middaugh, 1<sup>st</sup> – Maggie Simmons, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Alexis Fleming, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kylah Stapleton, 4<sup>th</sup> – Neveah Stevens, 5<sup>th</sup> – Deighan Moyer, 6<sup>th</sup> – Braxton Kolacz, Jr/Sr – Marissa Petiprin-Ball

**Public Participation: None**

**Reports and Communications:**

Contractor Rob Proper reported via zoom on the bid awarding for series #2 of the bond. The work will be done in the elementary and daycare buildings and will begin as soon as school lets out for the summer break. The following bids were awarded and accepted by the board. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty to award **Booms Construction, Inc.** the Acoustical Ceiling bid. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to award **Thumb Cooling & Heating, LLC** the Mechanical bid. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Scott Richards to award **Maruer Electric, Inc.** the electrical bid. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy of the bids are in the Secretary's book)

The reconfirmation meeting of the Extended COVID Learning Plan was presented to the board. It was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by Janie Meeker to accept the Learning Plan as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Elementary Principal Fernald presented data on reading and math scores comparing fall 20 to winter 21 and a historical look at the test scores. They are seeing positive growth with interventions they have put into place. They have approximately 40 kids participating in an after school tutoring program for grades k-3 and homework support for grades 4-6. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Jr/Sr High School Principal Daniels presented data on reading and math scores comparing fall 20 to winter 21. They are looking into ways to help with afterschool tutoring and other avenues to improve scores. He also presented the EVAAS scores for grades 8-10. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Teachers Amy Tamlyn and Jane Ignash are planning an international trip to the Dominican Republic for Spring Break 2022. This is for the trip that was cancelled for last year. There is an informational meeting being held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to approve the trip to the Dominican Republic over spring break of 2022. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent Hartel presented to the board an idea of having a Summer Education Academy to help close the gaps in student's education. They are looking at 3-4 weeks of voluntary extended school. 3 days per week approximately 4 hours per day. We will provide bussing, meals, and recreational time. Still in the planning stages.

The enrollment numbers from the February count day were presented. We are down 16 students from the fall count. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

After the 6 allotted snow days have been used we are planning on going virtual for any snow days, We will not be extending the calendar past June 4<sup>th</sup>.

A discussion was had on switching our board policy from NEOLA to Thrun Law. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Scott Richards, to use Thrun Law Firm, P.C for our board policies. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy of the order form is in the Secretary's book)

Cass City School will be observing Mrs. Green Kindness Day on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> in memory of Elementary teacher Jeni Green.

Student Representative Abby Phillips gave a report on the upcoming Snowcoming event. It will be a scaled down version of previous years. It will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**Other: None**

At 8:13 p.m. it was moved by Janie Meeker supported by Stacey Bliss, that the meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Janie Meeker, Secretary  
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education