

CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 24, 2025

The regular meeting of the Cass City Board of Education was called to order on February 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Board Room by Vice-President Janie Meeker.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stacey Bliss, Janie Meeker, George Batty, and Mandy Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bryce VanVliet, Emily Lasceski, Kevin Rice

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Zimba, Jr/Sr High School Principal Hartzell, Elementary Principal Fernald, Student Achievement Coordinator Bitzer, and CFO Pearce.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-President Meeker.

A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss to accept the consent agenda as presented in the board packet with the addition of II, G,3 Student issue. All Ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recognition and Presentations: None

Public Participation: A representative for the PLUS ladies came to show their appreciation for all that the board of education does for our staff and students.

Reports and Communications:

Superintendent Zimba informed the Board about the School Aid projection for the 2025-2026 school year, which is still in the beginning phase. If passed schools could see an additional \$235 per student.

The enrollment numbers from the February count day were presented. We are down 12 students from the fall count. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A discussion was had in regards to the number of snow days that we have had so far this school year. We have already had 10 snow days. We can apply for up to 3 additional forgiven days. We will explore a virtual option for snow days in the future if we have multiple consecutive days cancelled.

Christin Hempton was unable to come and make her CLEP presentation. She will be put on the March board meeting.

March is reading month, there will be special events and special guests coming in and reading to our elementary students.

Barb Graff gave a brief update on the great things that we have going on in our district. (A copy is in the Secretary's Book)

Student Representative Chelsea Roach was unable to make this meeting.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was make by Stacey Bliss, seconded by Mandy Ross to accept the second reading of the January Thrun Policy updates. **All Ayes, MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

It was moved by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss to approve the \$19,760.00 donation from The Pinney Foundation for the Football Stadium. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in Secretary's Book)

At the request of the student's family, the student issue that was to be discussed in closed session will now be in the open session. Jr/Sr High Principal Hartzell discussed the 7 factors to consider before an action of suspension or expulsion can occur. Mr. Hartzell gave a summary to the board as to what the investigation into this student entailed and which board policy he violated. Mr. Hartzell also talked about past rule violations that had occurred. A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, seconded by George Batty to expel the student for 180 days with online educational services. A roll call vote was taken. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other:

The board was made aware of the all school play that will take place on March 21, 22 & 23.

At 8:08 p.m. it was moved by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Stacey Bliss, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education