

**CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 25, 2021**

The organizational meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on January 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Board Room and Zoom by President Alice Zaleski.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, CFO Zimba. IT Director Severance and Student Rep. Abby Phillips

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zaleski.

Swearing in of re-elected board members Emily Lasceski, George Batty and Janie Meeker and the swearing in of newly elected Scott Richards.

President pro tem Alice Zaleski opened the floor for nominations of 2021 school board officers:

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, to nominate **Emily Lasceski for president. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski, to nominate **Alice Zaleski for vice president. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Emily Lasceski, supported by David Osentoski, to nominate **Janie Meeker for secretary. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker, to nominate **George Batty for treasurer. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

Consent Agenda

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

Recognition and Presentations:

Superintendent Hartel recognized the Board with a gift and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to Cass City Public Schools.

Public Participation:

Cassandra Woodruff, a parent of both a Jr/Sr High student and an Elementary student, voiced her concerns about teacher contact with virtual learning. Mr. Hartel will get with the principals and teachers involved and look into this matter.

Reports and Communications:

Bond work will continue this summer. There was a contractor walk thru today. Bids will be due on February 4th by 2:00 pm. A handout with the projects was given to the board (A copy is in the Secretary's book) and the base bids will be the first projects to be done. If the bids come in lower and there is extra money the alternative bids will be done.

The board heard the 2020/2021 Budget Amendments (general, food service and internal accts.) from CFO Allison Zimba. A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker to accept the amended budgets as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

CFO Zimba asked to board for approval to work on the bathrooms in the Daycare Center. The cost is above the threshold set for needing board approval. A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker to proceed with the bathroom renovations at the Daycare Center. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The ORS proposed closing agreement was explained to the board by CFO Zimba. She asked to board to take part in the closing agreement. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski to be a part of the ORS closing argument unless advised by Thurn Law Firm to do otherwise. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's Book)

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

Superintendent Hartel reported on a new mandate for COVID goals/data reporting. This information will be able to be found on our schools website through Munetrix by February 1st.

Tomorrow will be the kick off for the Cass City Promise. Information will be sent home with the students, through email and on Facebook.

COVID absence days ended on December 31st but can be extended on a voluntary basis. Cass City is opting to extend these days until the end of March when staff will have had an opportunity to be vaccinated if they so choose. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to extend the COVID absence days until March 31, 2021. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Student Representative Abby Phillips reported that there is not a whole lot going on with the COVID limitations in place. They were disappointed in the delayed start of the winter sports season. Student council is having a hard time planning events with the limitations in place.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Regular Board meeting dates and times were established: It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss that the regular meetings for the 2021/2022 year be held the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the jr/sr high school library, unless specified, including the Red Hawk Award of Excellence presentations. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski that Beth Kittle be designated as the person for posting all of the school board meetings. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss that Superintendent Jeff Hartel and CFO Allison Zimba be designated as the persons to handle school district funds, accounts and financial transactions. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski that Janie Meeker be appointed as the MASB delegate to cast votes on TISD issues. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other: None

At 8:10 pm, it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Janie Meeker, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education