

**CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 27, 2025**

The organizational meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on January 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Board Room.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mandy Ross, Stacey Bliss, George Batty, Emily Lasceski, Janie Meeker and Kevin Rice.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bryce VanVliet

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Zimba, Jr./Sr. HS Principal Hartzell, Elementary Principal Fernald and CFO Pearce

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Emily Lasceski

The re-elected members, George Batty, Emily Lasceski and Janie Meeker and newly elected member Kevin Rice were sworn in.

President Emily Lasceski opened the floor for nominations of the 2025 school board officers:

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty to nominate **Emily Lasceski for President. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Emily Lasceski, supported by George Batty, to nominate **Janie Meeker for Vice-President. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Mandy Ross, to nominate **Stacey Bliss for Secretary. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Mandy Ross, to nominate **George Batty for Treasurer. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Consent Agenda:** President Emily Lasceski adopted the consent agenda as presented in the board packet.

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty, to approve the consent agenda items as presented in the board packet. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Recognition and Presentations:**

January is School Board appreciation month and the board was thanked for all of their hard work in supporting the staff and students of our school district.

The board thanked Fred Ryan for his donation to the school, the CC from the old middle school gym floor and helping to get that mounted near the Jr/Sr High School gym.

**Public Participation:** none

**Reports and Communications:**

a. The board heard the 2024-2025 Budget Revisions (general, food service and internal accts.) from CFO Natalie Pearce. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Mandy Ross to accept the Budget Revisions as presented by CFO Pearce. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

b. A discussion was had in choosing someone to be our representation to the Thumb Meet of Champions. A unanimous decision was made to recommend Phil Nichols.

c. Susan Hanby presented good things from around the district. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

d. Student representative Chelsea Roach talked about the upcoming Snowcoming, the activities and dance. Prom will be held at Beagio's on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hope Squad and Peer Mentors hosted a speaker at an assembly on the topic of mental health.

**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 2025-2026 year be held the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr/Sr High School Board Room, 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 Stacey Bliss, 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 Mandy Ross, that Allison Zimba, Natalie Pearce and Beth Kittle 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 Mandy Ross that Stacey Bliss be appointed as the MASB delegate to cast votes on TISD issues. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Thrun Board Policy updates. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to approve the donation of \$7,500 by Nutrien Ag for the CDL program. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to approve the donation of \$500 by Thumb Thunder Chickens for the Trap Team program. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Other:** None

At 7:44 pm, it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the regular meeting be adjourned to go into closed session. Rollcall vote – 6 Ayes – 0 Nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

At 7:48 pm, it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty, to enter the closed session. **ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:55 pm, it was moved by George Batty, supported by Janie Meeker, to end the closed session. A roll call vote was taken. 6 Ayes – 0 Nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:56 pm, President Lasceski called the open session to order.

No action was taken on the issue addressed in closed session.

At 8:57 pm, it was moved by George Batty, supported by Janie Meeker, to adjourn the open session. **ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Stacey Bliss, Secretary  
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education