

**CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 29, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on July 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School board room by President Emily Lasceski.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Lasceski, George Batty, Stacey Bliss, Janie Meeker, Bryce VanVliet and Scott Richards.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Zimba, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Hartzell, CFO Pearce

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lasceski

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Scott Rickards to approve the consent agenda with the following addition: Action item II, letter G 2. Teacher resignation. **All Ayes. Motion Carried**

Recognition and Presentation: None

Public Participation: None

Reports and Communications:

The District Improvement Plan (MiCIP) was sent out in the board packets. After discussion a motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty to approve the District Improvement Plans as presented. **All Ayes. Motion Carried.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

The CISO – Security Services Contract was presented. The all 3 ISD's in the Thumb is looking to hire this security service company to keep data secure. 23 of the 28 districts in the Thumb are looking to participate. The cost would be based on enrollment with a cost this year of \$9,013.00 annually and will be reviewed each year. This company would work directly with Bob Frost at REMC-10 and could potentially reduce insurance costs. A motion was made by Scott Richards, supported by Janie Meeker to approve the contract for CISO – Security Services. **All Ayes. Motion Carried.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Construction update: the final striping of the parking lots is almost complete and the health clinic at the elementary is making progress and hoping that will be completed by the end of September.

SWIS discipline data was presented to the board. There has been a decrease in discipline in both buildings over the last couple of years. Being proactive instead of reactive to discipline problems has been a big factor in the decrease.

Heather Middleton brought some of her students in to share what they have been up to this summer, particularly the Tuscola County Fair. There were 19 kids that participated in the Fair this year. They showed pigs, goats, cattle and sheep. A couple of kids shared their experiences that they had this year and are looking forward to next year. The animals will start coming back to the school AG barn soon.

The school animals that were sold at the fair, the kids get to keep a portion of the sale for their hard work in caring for them and the rest of the proceeds go back into the AG program.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to approve the second reading of the Elementary Student Handbook. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A motion was made by Janie Meeker , supported by Stacey Bliss, to approve the second reading of the Jr/Sr High School Student Handbook. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

New Business:

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to hire Joseph Skiles as an Apprentice Teacher at the Jr/Sr High School through the Talent Together Program. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty , to hire Jessica Flikkie as a Jr/Sr High School Paraprofessional. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker. supported by Scott Richards, to hire Seth Flikkie as the Jr/Sr High Paraprofessional. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Stacey Bliss read a cover letter to the letter of resignation of Kelli McIntyre. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to accept the letter of resignation with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other: None

At 7:40 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned and that the board go into closed session per section 8H of the open meetings act to allow the board to consider FERPA protected written materials. A roll call vote was taken. **Emily Lasceski – Aye, Janie Meeker – Aye, Stacey Bliss – Aye, Mandy Ross – Aye, Bryce VanVliet – Aye, George Batty – Aye and Scott Richards – Aye. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:44 p.m. President Emily Lasceski called to order the Open Meeting.

At 8:46 p.m. it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Mandy Ross to end the Open Session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Stacey Bliss, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education

