

CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 23, 2025

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on June 23, 2025 at 7:05 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Board Room by President Emily Lasceski.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stacey Bliss, George Batty, Emily Lasceski and Mandy Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janie Meeker, Kevin Rice and Bryce VanVliet

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Zimba, Elementary Principal Fernald, Jr/Sr High School Principal Tamlyn and CFO Pearce

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lasceski.

A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss to approve the consent agenda items as presented in the board packet. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

Recognition and Presentation:

1. 2024/2025 Spring BTC White Division All-Conference Winners are:

Girls Softball – **First Team** – Alyssa Fritz – Pitcher, Brynn Pallas – Infield, Kacee Gray – Outfield, Katelyn Rockwell - Outfield

Second Team – Ashley Ziemba – Pitcher, Kylie McKee – Infield, Brianna McKee – Outfield

Honorable Mention – Grace Rockwell – Catcher, Mariah Henne – Infield, Lexi Champagne - Infield

Boys Baseball – **First Team** – Carson Anthes – Pitcher, All District and All Region 1st Team – Pitcher, All State 2nd Team – Pitcher; Ryker Wallace – Catcher, All District 1st Team – Catcher; Matt Mellendorf – Infield, All District and All Region 1st Team – 1st Base, Jackson Anthony – Infield, All District 1st Team - Infield

Second Team – Gavin Franzel – Infield, Garrett Reinke – Outfield

Honorable Mention - Hayden Anthes – Outfield, Dylan Severance – Outfield, Mason Brown - Infield

Golf – **Second Team** – Trent Patrick, Jarod Mathewson, Drew Lowman and Ryan Robinson

Honorable Mention – Parker Pisarek and Gavin Franzel

Boys Track – **First Team** – Preston Dorland – Pole Vault; Ryker Wallace – Long Jump; Braxton Kolacz – 200 Meters; Preston Dorland, Ryker Wallace, Aiden Brinkman and Braxton Kolacz – 4x100 Relay; Preston Dorland, Sawyer Ross, Aiden Brinkman, Braxton Kolacz – 4x200 relay

Second Team – Braxton Kolacz – 100 Meter

Honorable Mention – Preston Dorland – 200 Meters; Sawyer Ross – 400 Meters

Girls Track - **First Team** – Ali Learman – 100 Meter Hurdles; Skylar Ignash – High Jump; Jaidyn VanVliet – Pole Vault

Second Team – Claire Walker, Kacee Gray, Elyse Hoppe, Rylie Ligrow - 4x100 Relay

Honorable Mention – Skylar Ignash – 400 Meters; Elyse Hoppe – 100 M Hurdles; Carla Cortes, Jaidyn Van Vliet, Ali Learman, Alexis Tamlyn – 4x400 Relay; Haylee Mahoney, Carla Cortes, Brystal Klinkman, Alexis Tamlyn – 4x800 Relay.

Soccer - **First Team** – Makaylah Westendorf

Honorable Mention – Chelsea Roach

Public Participation: None

Reports and Communications:

The following General Fund, Food Service, Debt and Agency Fund Budgets were presented by Natalie Pearce, CFO for Cass City Public Schools:

It was moved by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the 2024/2025 General Fund, revised budget be accepted as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

It was moved by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the 2025/2026 General Fund, proposed budget be accepted as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

It was moved by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the 2024/2025 Food Service, revised budget be accepted as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

It was moved by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the 2025/2026 Food Service, proposed budget be accepted as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

It was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross, that the 2024/2025 Agency Fund (Internal Accounts), revised budget be accepted as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

It was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross, that the 2025/2026 Agency Fund (Internal Accounts), proposed budget be accepted as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

It was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by George Batty, that the 2024/2025 Debt Fund, revised budget be accepted as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

It was moved by Mandy Ross, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the 2025/2026 Debt Fund, proposed budget be accepted as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

It was moved by Mandy Ross, supported by Stacey Bliss to approve Form L-4029 as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Evaluations were presented in the board packet for the **Principal, CFO, IT Director, Food Service Director, Athletic Director/Operations Manager, Student Achievement Coordinator and Administrative Assistant.** All received Effective evaluations and recommended for a 3% average raise on their upcoming contracts

Superintendent Zimba presented the communications plan for 2025-26 school year. This is how she intends to communicate with the board, what they feel is important and will be a fluid document to allow for changes as needed.

It was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to approve the bid from Berger Chevrolet of \$64,624.00 for a 2025 Chevrolet Suburban. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The MiCIP was presented to the board. It is a guide for goals of the district and will be presented to the staff on the opening day for teachers. It was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by George Batty to approve the MiCIP plan for the 25-26 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

The annual Michigan High School Athletic Association resolution was presented in the board packet. It was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross, that CCPS continue membership in the MHSAA for the 2025/2026 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to accept the 1st reading on the 2025-2026 Jr/Sr High School Student Handbook. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to approve the 1st reading of the Athletic Handbook. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Mandy Ross, to approve the donation from Eric and Karn Brown to be used for the Ag tractor the amount of \$500.00. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to approve the donation from All Seasons Investment, LLC to be used for the Boys and Girls Golf Programs in the amount of \$2,400.00. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss, to approve the donation from Pamela Maharge to be used for Girls Basketball Program in the amount of \$1,000.00. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross, to approve the donation from ACH Seeds to be used for the AG tractor in the amount of \$500.00. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Mandy Ross, to approve the donation from Tri-County Bank to be used for the AG tractor in the amount of \$500.00. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross, to approve the donation from Rathmourne Family Foundation to be used for the AG tractor in the amount of \$1,000.00. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to hire Brandon Jones as Assistant Principal for the Elementary and Jr/Sr High Schools. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to approve the hiring of Madison Koroleski as an Elementary Special Education Teacher. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Mandy Ross to approve the hiring of Elizabeth Weber as an Elementary 5th grade Science and Social Studies Teacher. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to approve the hiring of Macey White as an Elementary 4th grade Science and Social Studies Teacher. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to approve the hiring of Stephanie Cahoon as a Jr/Sr High Science Teacher. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss to approve the hiring of Hailey Brandel as a Jr/Sr High Math Teacher. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to approve the hiring of Erik Tamlyn as the Girls Golf Coach. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss to approve the hiring of Elizabeth Brinkman as the Girls Track Coach. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Stacey Bliss read a resignation letter from teacher Vicki Kiehl. A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to accept the resignation of Vicki Kiehl with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the secretary's book)

Stacey Bliss read a resignation letter from teacher Jared Forbes. A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss to accept the resignation of Jarod Forbes with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the secretary's book)

Stacey Bliss also read the retirement letter from Student Achievement Coordinator Julie Bitzer effective 12/31/2025. A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by George Batty to accept the resignation of Julie Bitzer with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the secretary's book)

Other: None

At 7:54 p.m., it was moved by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Stacey Bliss, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education

