

**CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 24, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on March 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Board Room by President Emily Lasceski.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bryce VanVliet

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Allison Zimba, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Bill Hartzell, Elementary Principal Aaron Fernald, Student Achievement Coordinator Julie Bitzer and CFO Natalie Pearce.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lasceski.

President Lasceski adopted the consent agenda as presented in the board packet. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty to accept the consent agenda items. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Recognition and Presentations:

The Board recognized the class of 2025 Valedictorian Matt Mellendorf and Salutatorians Emily Speirs and Roman Muter.

Recognized the National Technology Honor Society inductees: **AM** – Madeline Mathewson, Madelyn Hicks, Lauren Bartnik, Ashley Ziemba, Destiny Periso, Breanna Miller. **PM** – Anthony Nance, Kelsey Anthony, Brooke Hatcher.

Public Participation: None

Reports and Communications:

Superintendent Zimba informed the board on the number of snow days that we have taken. This winter we have taken 10 snow days. The state forgives 6 days, we applied for 3 additional forgiveness days and they have been approved. We still have to make up for 1 additional day. It is proposed that we add an additional day to the calendar which puts us with our last day of school as June 2nd.

Christin Hempton gave a presentation on the CLEP/Accuplacer. We are adding more classes to the CLEP test. We have had several taking the CLEP tests and are testing out for college credit. We are currently the only CLEP testing sight in the Thumb. We have to renew every 3 years to continue being a testing sight.

A discussion regarding a potential bond renewal. We are currently at 3 mills. If we renew the 3 mills it could generate \$11 million. We could drop the rate to 2.5 mills and then go to the voters in May of 2026 to renew that 2.5 mills and it could generate \$10 million.

We have a good turnout for the Strategic Plan meeting. Allison and Julie will go through the goals and get a summary to the board.

The Spring School Board Dinner is scheduled for April 23, 2025, at Caro Schools.

Barb Graff presented the district good things (A Copy is in the Secretary's book) and read Student Representative, Chelsea Roach's student update (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to approve the 1st reading of the Thrun Board Policy Updates. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to approve the FFA Mini Grant from Michigan Sugar in the amount of \$1,500. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A letter of retirement was read for Matt Prieskorn. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty, to accept the resignation of Matt Prieskorn, with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A letter of resignation was read for Varsity Volleyball Coach Amy Cuthrell. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to accept the resignation of Coach Cuthrell with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A letter of resignation was read for Bowling Coach Keith Czekai. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty, to accept the resignation of Coach Czekai with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other: None

At 7:41 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Stacey Bliss, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education