

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 23, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on May 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr./Sr. High School Board Room by President Alice Zaleski.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alice Zaleski, David Osentoski, Daniel Manwell, Janie Meeker, Craig Bellew, Emily Phillips and Stacey Bliss

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Asst. Principal/AD Markel, Elementary Principal Fernald and CFO Zimba.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zaleski.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the agenda be approved as presented with the following change: **Addendum – II., H., 5 – Change to Ag Advisory Board Members. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting and closed session meeting held on April 25th be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the bills in the amount of \$104,117.48 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentations: None

Reports and Communications:

Superintendent Hartel reported to the board that Cass City High School was a Bronze Award winner in US News & World Report. This award was given based on the schools performance on state-required tests and how well they prepare students for college.

As a follow-up from the board's round table meetings with teachers, key pads will be installed to allow teachers access to the buildings when needed.

Public Participation:

High school teacher Janie Reif wanted to thank the board for addressing the access to the building issue. She also had wanted clarification of a budget item.

Unfinished Business:

The second reading for the NEOLA Spring Policy Updates were reviewed. It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew, that they be approved as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copies are in the Secretary's book.)

New Business:

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Daniel Manwell, that Cass City Public Schools remain a "School of Choice" for the first semester of the 2016/2017 school year. Openings will be available in Kdg-10th grades and class sizes will remain within the contractual limits. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

School Nurse Kathy LaPonsie gave an update on what the Sex Education Committee is doing. They will be proposing that the students 4th – 6th grades will be taught puberty education, grades 7th – 8th will be taught abstinence only curriculum and grades 9th – 12th will be taught an abstinence based curriculum. The committee will be having 2 public hearings on June 2nd from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm and June 14th from 7:00 am to 7:30 am.

Mrs. LaPonsie also gave the board information on Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child. (Copies are in the Secretary's book)

Athletic Director Don Markel informed the board that MHSAA will be allowing 6th grade students to participate in junior high school sports. This includes individual and team sports. For the team sports there must be a need for members on the junior high team in order for 6th grade students to participate. It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Phillips to allow 6th grade students to participate in junior high individual and teams sports. **6 Ayes – 1 Opposed. MOTION CARRIED.**

The annual Michigan High School Athletic Association resolution was read. It was moved by Daniel Manwell, supported by Craig Bellew, that CCPS continue membership in the MHSAA for the 2016/2017 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Jr/Sr High School Principal Daniels presented a change to the Ag Advisory Board membership. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker that Stacey Steeley be replaced with Leah Sangster on the Ag Advisory Committee. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other:
None

At 7:32 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Janie Meeker, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education