

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 22, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on May 22, 2017 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, Emily Lasceski, Janet Richards and George Batty

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Janie Meeker and Stacey Bliss

**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 Emily Lasceski, that the agenda be approved as presented with the following change: **Addendum – II., I., 6 – Employee Resignation – Barb Kirn. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Emily Lasceski, supported by George Batty, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting and closed session meeting held on April 24<sup>th</sup> be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janet Richards, that the bills in the amount of \$272,919.53 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Emily Lasceski to approve the 2017-2018 annual resolution supporting the Tuscola Intermediate School District's **general fund budget** as presented by TISD Superintendent Gene Pierce. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

It was moved by Emily Lasceski, supported by David Osentoski that **Janet Richards** serve as Cass City's voting representative (with George Batty as the alternative) on Monday, June 05, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for the TISD Biennial School Board Election. The votes will be cast for Dean T. Nichols and Charles L. Squires who are running unopposed for 2 seats. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

**Recognition and Presentations:**

The board wanted to publically recognize the hard work of Rebecca Walker and Laura Curtis for the putting together the Fine Arts evening that was held at the Elementary school. They also wanted to recognize the hard work done by Ron Woloshen, T.C. Gruber, Nichole Maurer and Danielle Laming for the work on the STEM Fair that was held at the Jr./Sr. High School.

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.

**Reports and Communications:**

CFO Allison Zimba reported that the surveys were sent out to the staff district wide and will have a presentation a June meeting. A new electronic sign has been ordered for out front of the Jr./Sr. High School. Should be installed in June.

Elementary Principal Aaron Fernald gave a presentation on the current status of the GSRP/Pre-school/Young 5's and Kindergarten programs. There are many changes in the state guidelines for GSRP and Head Start and they will no longer be accepting over income students. The school is starting a tuition preschool program that will model the GSRP program to serve the children not being accepted into Head Start or GSRP. (A copy is in the Secretary's Book)

June's Board Meeting will begin with a Special Truth & Taxation Meeting held at 6:30 p.m. on June 24, 2017 prior to the regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Hartel reminded everyone of Graduation on Friday, May 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Gym. He also invited the board to an end of the school year district luncheon on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Current years retirees will be honored.

**Public Participation:**

President Alice Zaleski read a thank you note from Senior Paige Bagnell thanking the board for choosing her as the recipient of the Board of Education Scholarship.

**Unfinished Business:**

The second reading for the NEOLA Spring Policy Updates were reviewed. It was moved by Janet Richards, supported by David Osentoski, 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 Emily Lasceski, that Cass City Public Schools remain a "School of Choice" for the first semester of the 2017/2018 school year. Openings will be available in Kdg-10<sup>th</sup> grades and class sizes will remain within the contractual limits. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

The first reading of the NEOLA EDGAR policies were reviewed. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski to accept the first reading of the NEOLA Edgar Policies. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Jr./Sr. High School Principal Daniels presented to the board 2 candidates to hire for the Jr./Sr. High School. It was moved by Janet Richards, supported by Emily Lasceski to hire Leigh Osentoski for FFA and Science. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** It was moved by Janet Richards, supported by Emily Lasceski to hire Alyssa Gehring as an Ag-Science teacher. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

The annual Michigan High School Athletic Association resolution was read. It was moved by Emily Lasceski, supported by David Osentoski, that CCPS continue membership in the MHSAA for the 2017/2018 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Emily Lasceski read a resignation letter from Cafeteria Worker Linda Mellendorf. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janet Richards to accept her resignation as of June 30, 2017, with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Emily Lasceski also read a resignation letter from 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher Barb Kirn. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski to accept her resignation as of June 30, 2017, with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

**Other:**

None

At 7:46 p.m., it was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski, that the regular meeting be Adjourned to go into closed session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:30 p.m., a motion was made by Janet Richard, supported by Alice Zaleski to reconvene the open session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** The closed session meeting was informational only and no actions were taken.

At 8:33 p.m., a motion was made by David Osentoski, supported by George Batty that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**