

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 19, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on May 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., in the Jr/Sr High School Library by President Emily Lasceski.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Lasceski, Kevin Rice, George Batty, Stacey Bliss, Mandy Ross and Bryce VanVliet

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janie Meeker

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

President Lasceski adopted the consent agenda as present in the board packet.

It was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to accept the consent agenda items as presented in the Board packet. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

Recognition and Presentations:

- 1. Red Hawk Award of Excellence
 - Braylin Juneac – 5th grade
 - Owen Jaworski – 6th grade
 - Lola Dorland – 7th grade
 - Chloe Franzel – 11th grade

Public Participation: The PLUS/Revive ladies presented a gift to the board of education in hopes of them having a “sweet summer”.

Reports and Communications:

It was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by George Batty, to approve the 2025-2026 annual resolution supporting the Tuscola Intermediate School District’s general fund budget. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary’s book)

A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by George Batty, to designate Stacey Bliss as the representative and George Batty as an alternate designated representative to vote on behalf of the school board in the TISD Biennial election of its board. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary’s book)

Teachers Jane Ignash and Amy Tamlyn took a group of students to London and Paris over Spring Break. A few students presented a slide presentation of their trip and the wonderful opportunity it was to participate in. There is a proposed trip planned for Spring Break 2027 to Italy. A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to support a Spring Break 2027 trip to Italy. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Graduation will be this Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Reminder of the Truth in Taxation Meeting June 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Good things were presented by Susan Hanby for Barb Graff (A copy is available in the Secretary’s book)

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

It was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross, that Cass City Public Schools remain a “School of Choice” for the first semester of the 2025/2026 school year. Recommend all grades open except 11th and 12th grade with the option for the board to accept those grade students that are on track to graduate and with no major discipline issues. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Bryce Van Vliet, to approve the donation from Tri-County Bank in the amount \$500 for the wrestling program. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

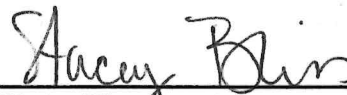
A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Bryce Van Vliet, to approve the donation from Dan and Trish Mittlestat in the amount \$500 for the purchase of the Ag program tractor. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A retirement letter was read by Stacey Bliss from Marnie Hacker. A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to accept Marnie Hacker's retirement with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A resignation letter was read by Stacey Bliss from Benjamin Southgate. A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss, to accept the resignation with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A resignation letter was read by Stacey Bliss from William Hartzell. A motion was made by Emily Lascaski, supported by Stacey Bliss, to accept the resignation with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

At 7:51 p.m., A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stacey Bliss". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Stacey Bliss, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education