

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 26, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on October 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City High School Library by President Alice Zaleski.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

The meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, that the agenda be approved as presented with one addendum **(II, I, 1, Negotiations update)**. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting and also the closed session meeting held on September 28, 2015 be approved as sent, with one correction to the closed session meeting minutes. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copies are in the Secretary's book and the Closed Session book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker, that the bills in the amount of \$62,808.50 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentations:

The Board recognized the following students as the Red Hawk Award of Excellence Winners:
Allison Fritz – 6th Grade and Nicolette Younglove – 10th Grade

A letter from Mr. Dan Hoard was read commending the marching band on their fine performance in this year's Pumpkin Festival Parade.

An email was read from Mrs. Kate Van Auken thanking Lyle Severance for going above and beyond in helping the Book Club with their Skype visit with an author of the book the kids are reading.

Reports and Communications:

Angie Burnette, from Anderson, Tuckey, Burnette and Doran, P.C., CPA's reviewed the 2014/2015 fiscal audit report. The results of her report stated that Cass City Public Schools ended the 2015 school year conforming to acceptable general accounting practices with a general fund balance as of June 30, 2015 of \$1,407,772. It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Daniel Manwell to accept the audit report as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Superintendent Hartel presented the Fall count numbers. We have 1,017 students, that is down from the Winter count of 1,032. This is a 4% decrease with approximately a \$96,000 decrease in finances. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Still continuing to work on a 3 year strategic plan for the district.

Cass City Schools has participated in MISEC - Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative since May 2001 and has a cumulative saving of over \$187,000. They are asking the board to pass a resolution to encourage Legislature to support and continue opportunity for school districts to purchase electric supply at a significant savings from

alternate energy supplier. The Resolution was read and a roll call vote was taken. Passed: 7 Failed: 0. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Superintendent Hartel gave the board update information on current House Bill 4822 (3rd grade reading) and Senate Bill 0103 (Teacher and Administrative evaluations). (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

The board was reminded of the Tuscola County Fall School Board Dinner/Meeting on Thursday, October 29th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Hartel handed out the annual Superintendent/School Board Evaluations and asked that they be returned by November 13th.

Public Participation:

Jane Reif gave a brief history of American Education Week the week of November 16th and Kris Milligan presented the Board of Education certificates of appreciation.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the first reading of the NEOLA Policy Updates (summary) for 2015 be approved, as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other:

President Alice Zaleski read an update on teacher contract negotiations. (A copy in Secretary's book)

At 8:04 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, that the regular meeting be adjourned and the Board go into closed session, to discuss a student issue. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:31 p.m. a motion was made by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski to return to open session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:32 p.m. Alice Zaleski asked for a motion in regards to **Student A**. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, to return Student A to school with the 1 point rule, with stipulations that he attend homework support at least twice a week, and check in with Mr. Daniels weekly. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:35 p.m.p.m. it was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Emily Phillips, that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Janie Meeker, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education