

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 18, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on May 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in the Cass City High School Board Room by President Alice Zaleski.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stacey Bliss

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Asst. Principal/AD Markel, CFO Cunningham and Cafeteria Supervisor Bock.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zaleski.

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

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting and closed session meeting held on April 27th 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 \$118,352.36 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentations:

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Craig Bellew, to approve the 2015-2016 annual resolution supporting the Tuscola Intermediate School District's general fund budget, as presented by Superintendent Gene Pierce. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Emily Phillips, supported by Daniel Manwell that **Janie Meeker** serve as Cass City's voting representative (with Alice Zaleski as the alternative) on Monday, June 01, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for the TISD Biennial School Board Election. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, that Cass City cast its vote for **James Welke** in the TISD Biennial School Board Election. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's Book.)

Superintendent Hartel shared with the board the Loyalty Day Award that was presented to Cass City Public Schools for their continued support of the VFW.

Reports and Communications:

CFO Mary Cunningham presented to the board that the state signed off on the Best Practices Resolution and we will be receiving that state funding money. Due to the lower student count we will have a decrease in money but are still on track for a balance budget for the 2014-2015 school year. Looking at the budget for the next school year she is going to budget for a loss in student count and a conservative estimate on per pupil funding while still maintaining the current fund balance. At 6:30 p.m., prior to the June 22nd board meeting, there will be a special Truth & Taxation meeting.

There were 5 applicants for the position of CFO. Very good candidates to choose from. Mr. Hartel is recommending hiring Allison Zimba. It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Alice Zaleski, to offer the CFO position to Allison Zimba. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

An update was given on the bids for the bus garage roof and parking lots. There were 5 companies that bid on the roofing project and 2 on the parking lots. The bids are due on May 29, 2015 by 3:00 p.m. There will be a meeting at 3:30 & 4:00 on that day to open the bids.

On July 30th, 31st and August 1st there are going to be village wide yard sales. Mr. Hartel would like to see us put on the list, of those participating, to sell some of the excess items that are still being stored in the old Campbell building. Teachers will have an opportunity to get anything they think they can use and some items not for sale will be stored in a classroom. As of right now there are 3 renters in the Campbell building. Jeanne's School of Dance (for fitness classes), Thumb Area Psychological Services and Hi Performance Engineering. Kathy Bouverette, CCHS gymnastics coach, is potentially wanting to use the building, during the summer, for a gymnastic club.

Public Participation:

None

Unfinished Business:

The second reading for the NEOLA Spring Policy Updates were reviewed. It was moved by Alice Zaleski, 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 Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, that Cass City Public Schools remain a "School of Choice" for the first semester of the 2015/2016 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.)

Kayla Delong gave a presentation on Project R.E.D (Rural Education Day) and encouraging Cass City to send their 3rd grade students. We did not send this year's 3rd graders and she would like to see us send the 3rd and 4th grade students next year. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Other:

None

At 6:44 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the regular meeting be adjourned and the Board go into closed session, to discuss negotiations. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 7:12 p.m., President Zaleski reopened the meeting to the public. The minutes were read by Janie Meeker in regards to the negotiations between the Board of Education and the CCEA.

At 7:13 p.m. a motion was made by Daniel Manwell, supported by David Osentoski, to adjourn the open session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Janie Meeker, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education