

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
August 24, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on August 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Library by President Alice Zaleski.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Janie Meeker

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Hartel, Elementary Principal Fernald, Asst. Principal/A.D. Director Markel, and CFO Allison Zimba.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zaleski.

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

It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting held on July 27, 2015 be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copies are in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Craig Bellew, that the bills in the amount of \$180,916.68 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

**Recognition and Presentation:**

An Honorary High School Diploma was presented to Mr. Bruce Sherman. He had to leave school prior to graduating to serve in World War II.

Cass City Public Schools received the SET SEG Workman's Comp Safety Award for having no accidents in the 2014-15 school year.

**Reports and Communications:**

The Board heard a report from CFO Allison Zimba stating that we are reviewing the final 2014-2015 budget with the auditors and that it is estimated that we may have a 14.27% fund balance. The State Aid note, for \$1,000,000 was awarded to Chemical Bank this year. Repaid this years note to Thumb National Bank.

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Daniel Manwell to accept the L-4029 Tax Rate Request. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Goal setting for the 2015-2016 school year was discussed and it was determined that Mr. Hartel will email a list of potential goals to the board members and will address them at the September meeting.

Don Markel presented to the board the Jr/Sr high school preparation for the new school year including literacy training and CPR training as well as department meetings. He also reported on athletics and stated that the athletic season has already begun. All high school coaches are receiving the required CPR training. The cost for Greater Thumb Conference admission has risen to \$5.00 for high school events and will remain \$4.00 for jr

high school events. Cass City students will receive a pass at the start of school for free admission to home sporting events.

Aaron Fernald reported on the elementary school and stated that the teachers attended an inservice on August 17<sup>th</sup> for the new reading series that was purchased this summer. Class lists are posted and he feels they are ready for the opening of school and that the building itself is looking the best it has in a long time

**Public Participation:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Craig Bellew, that the resignation from Daycare Director, Justine Loeffler, be accepted with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy of the letter is in the Secretary's book.)

**Other:** None

At 7:40 p.m., it was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Emily Phillips that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned to go into closed session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:15 p.m. President Alice Zaleski reopened the open session to the public and the following decision was made regarding Student A, a 6-0 decision was made to expel this student for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2015-2016 school year.

At 8:17 p.m. a motion was made by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski to adjourn the open session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Alice Zaleski, President  
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education