

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
April 27, 2020**

The Virtual-online regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on April 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom by President Alice Zaleski.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alice Zaleski, David Osentoski, George Batty, Janet Richards, Janie Meeker, Emily Lasceski and Stacey Bliss

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, Asst. Principal/AD Bitzer, CFO Zimba and IT Director Lyle Severance.

President Zaleski adopted the consent agenda as presented in the board packet.

**Recognition and Presentations:**

The Board acknowledged the "Class of 2020" **Valedictorian** – Mary Muter and **Salutatorian** – Marla Muter

**Public Participation:**

Superintendent Hartel read a thank you note from Hills & Dales Hospital thanking the district for their donations of disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer and the use of a 3d printer to make mask savers to be worn by the hospital staff.

**Reports and Communications:**

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker to approve the 2020-2021 annual resolution supporting the Tuscola Intermediate School District's **general fund budget** as presented by TISD Superintendent Gene Pierce via Zoom. A roll call vote was taken. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Mr. Pierce also wanted to acknowledge Morgan Russell a Cass City student that attends the Law Enforcement program at the Tech Center. Morgan receive the Breaking Traditions Award. She was 1 of 62 in the country to receive this award.

CFO Allison Zimba asked for the board to approve the bond resolution for series 2 of the 2018 bond. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to approve the bond resolution as presented in the board packet. A roll call vote was taken. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

CFO Zimba also informed the board of the upcoming budget for the 2020-21 school year that is due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Budget scenarios were sent to the board prior to the meeting. We have laid off PCMI and METS paid daycare workers and bus drivers for the remainder of the year. The board needs to be thinking about potential cuts for next year's budget in response to the potential \$300 to \$1,000 cut per pupil in funding for next year. Alice will set up a closed session meeting for the board to discuss this either the end of May or first of June hoping to know more about the actual per pupil funding.

Superintendent Hartel spoke about the ways that Cass City is continuing to educate their students for the remainder of this school year and what the future may look like for us for the upcoming school year whether that be business as usual, a hybrid of in-person and online learning or completely virtual learning. A committee of board members will meet to discuss these options. Janie Meeker, Emily Lasceski, Stacey Bliss and Alice Zaleski.

The grading for the remainder of this year is as follows. Any work being done now can only improve their 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period grade and that will be their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grade. If work is not being done, then their 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period grade will stand for the their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grade.

**Recommendations for continuing employment (Probationary teachers)**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to grant **Matthew Sweeney a Fourth Year Probationary Contract. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to grant **Kelli McIntyre a Fourth Year Probationary Contract. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to grant **Stacey Gruber a Fourth Year Probationary Contract. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to grant **Emily Baur a Fourth Year Probationary Contract. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to grant **Heather Middleton a Second Year Probationary Contract. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to grant **Andrew Whittaker a Second Year Probationary Contract. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to grant **Susan Hanby a Second Year Probationary Contract. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to grant **Chris Kimble a Third Year Probationary Contract. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to grant **Jeremy Buxman a Fourth Year Probationary Contract. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The hiring of Instructional Coach has been put on hold until we know the financial future of our budget looks like.

Evaluations for all staff and administrators have been cancelled for this year.

Prom has been tentatively set for July 18<sup>th</sup> at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City.

Graduation has been tentatively set for July 31<sup>st</sup> at the football field. Senior scholarships will be announced at graduation. If we are unable to hold graduation, there will be some form of alternative recognition.

The County School Board dinner on April 30<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

Summer bond construction is still able to be done this summer.

Kindergarten registration will be online and the office will be open for hours to get students registered. Hopeful to have number of those enrolled by the next board meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

**Other:**

At 8:00 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Emily Lasceski, Secretary  
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