

**CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 16, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on December 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Library by President Alice Zaleski.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, Asst. Principal/A.D. Director Bitzer and Student Representative Taryn Pisarek.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Alice Zaleski.

Consent Agenda

President Zaleski adopted the consent agenda.

Recognition and Presentations:

Football Coach Scott Cuthrell and a few members of the football team, Sandyn Cuthrell, Jeremy Velasquez and Alex Perry, were honored by the board for the success that the football team had this year. Scott was honored for Regional Coach of the Year and the team for Team of Year.

Public Participation:

Patricia Little came as a representative of PLUS, Praying Ladies Uplifting Schools, to bring the board treats. They are a group of women who have been giving support to our school district.

Reports and Communications:

Elementary Principal Fernald gave a report on some of the testing data. He also reported on the SWIS data (discipline) and the School Index. Also, they are waiting on a Literacy grant to provide more interventions with students. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Jr/Sr High School Principal Daniels reported on the Jr/Sr high test scores, discipline, Capturing Kids Hearts, Peer Mentoring, Alternative Ed and the Social/Emotional Committee. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Agri-Science teacher Heather Middleton gave an update on the ag program. They entered a beef show and did quite well. The barn is going well and have a ewe expecting in January. On 12/20 the barn will have an open house from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm all are welcome. Exciting things are happening in the classroom also.

Student representative Taryn Pisarek updated the board on student activities. There will be a home robotic meet at the elementary building on 1/11/20. The students participated in Christmas for Kids and brought in 100 board games to encourage family time. Student council is getting ready for Snowcoming activities. The Social/Emotional committee is providing lunch for the cafeteria ladies, sending staff affirmations and working on an anti vaping campaign. They will be doing presentations in other school districts, their first one is in Kingston on 1/20/20. They are working a PSA for school social media.

The board was given, in their packets, a Building Board Presentation guide. Superintendent Hartel will get with building principals and come up with dates in February for these meetings to take place.

Unfinished Business:

The board gave an evaluation of Superintendent Hartel at a special meeting last month. They gave him a 96% Highly Effective rating. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, to extend his contract by 1 year and increase his pay according to guidelines. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski, to approve the second reading of the Athletic Eligibility policy. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker, to accept the full version of the Emergency Operation Plan. **All Ayes, MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Secretary Emily Lasceski read a letter of resignation from school social worker Tracy Robinson. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to accept the resignation with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A letter of retirement was ready from elementary school para pro Deb Ross. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski, to accept the retirement with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

No action was taken on the hiring of an elementary school social worker. The job will be reposted as a Social Behavioral Coach for the elementary school. Someone will be informally hired to have someone in place by school returning after winter break. They will be formally hired at the January board meeting. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to hire a Social Behavioral Coach prior to the next board meeting. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other: None

At 7:43 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Emily Lasceski, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education