

CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**February 25, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Board of Education was called to order on February 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Library by President Alice Zaleski.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Hartel, H.S. Principal Daniels, Asst. Principal/A.D. Director Markel, CFO Allison Zimba, Elementary Social Worker Tracy Robinson and Student Representative Taryn Pisarek.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zaleski.

President Zaleski adopted the consent agenda with an addition to the Meeting Agenda of E.1. Board Conference.

**Recognition and Presentations:**

The Students of the Month were recognized from each building. Elementary students chosen were Landyn Whetston 3<sup>rd</sup>, Alexis Tamlyn 4<sup>th</sup>, Carla Cortes 5<sup>th</sup> and Romina Basanez-Gastelum 6<sup>th</sup>. At the Jr/Sr High School, those chosen were Ellie Perkins 7<sup>th</sup>, Alex Hopper 9<sup>th</sup> and Blake Wooters 8<sup>th</sup>.

Cass City Schools was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce at their annual Chamber Dinner. President Zaleski accepted the honor on behalf of the school.

**Public Participation: None**

**Reports and Communications:**

The contracts for the bond work have been signed this week. A storage container has been ordered and 500 boxes also. The boxes will be put into the container and the furniture will be taken to the gym.

The winter count was the Elementary is at 533, down 6 from the fall count. The Jr/Sr High and PREP is at 440, down 9 from the Fall count.

Athletic Director Don Markel is looking for a recommendation for the Friends of Youth nominee at the Thumb Track & Field Meet of Champions. The recommendation was made to nominate Brad Spears. The entire board is in favor of that recommendation. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to nominate Brad Spears as representative to the Thumb Meet of Champions. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Superintendent Hartel informed the board on the status of days we need to make up because of the weather this winter. As of now we have had 15 snow days, six days are allowed and we were granted the 3 additional days. We added 2 days back into the calendar. That leaves us with 4 days to make up. We will extend the school year and the last day of school will be June 12<sup>th</sup> (1/2 day). That means that June 6<sup>th</sup> will now be a full day. This is contingent that there are no more missed days of school.

The Strategic Plan group met on Wednesday, 2/20, and started to review the correlates. There is good progress being made and they will meet again soon to continue looking at the rest of the correlates.

The graduating class of 2019 Valedictorian is Kacey Haire and the Salutatorian is Jalene Krol.

Student Representative Taryn Pisarek gave the board an update on upcoming events in the Jr/Sr High School.

Alice Zaleski gave a short report on the MASB conference that she, Janet, George and Jeff attended. She will have some information at the next board meeting on Balance calendar.

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business:**

The school would like to purchase a new van. We are looking at a Ford Transit 10 passenger van. 3 bids will be obtained prior to purchasing. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, to purchase a new or used van. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The sub-committee that was formed at the last board meeting brought back to the board as a whole a District Contract Process for Employee Groups. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to approve the District Contract Process for Employee Groups. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

A copy of Superintendent Hartel's revised contract was sent to the board prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by David Osentoski to approve the contract submitted prior to this meeting. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Other:**

The School Play will have a Sunday performance on 3/17 (information only)

At 7:42 p.m. it was moved by Stacey Bliss supported by Janie Meeker, that the meeting be adjourned to go into closed session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 7:57 p.m. the open session meeting was reopened by President Zaleski. The following action was read aloud by Secretary Lasceski, a discussion was had in regards to Student A.

At 7:58 p.m. it was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker to allow Student A to remain in school on a 10 day in-school suspension. If an incident of the nature occurs again, immediate expulsion will occur if proper procedures are not followed. The vote was 7-0. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 7:59 p.m. it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Janet Richards to end the open session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Emily Lasceski, Secretary  
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