

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 25, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on September 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Board Room by President Alice Zaleski.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, Asst.Principal/A.D. Director Markel, Student Representative Robert Weaver and CFO Allison Zimba.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zaleski.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty, 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 Stacey Bliss, that the minutes from the regular monthly board meeting and closed session meeting held on August 28, 2017 be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker, that the bills in the amount of \$209,311.34 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

**Recognition and Presentations:**

The board would like to thank Frankemuth Credit Union for the money donated to purchase an AED machine.

They would also like to thank Steve Meeker for hydro seeding where the village needed to dig up.

The beginning of the year open houses were a success and the board would like to thank all the community organizations, teachers, administrators and parents for making it such a success.

High School Senior Travis Albrecht was recognized for representing Cass City High School at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Reports and Communications:**

The Board heard from CFO, Allison Zimba on refinancing the remainder of the 2008 bond. Looking to refinance at a lower interest rate to potentially save the district \$65,000. It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski to approve the resolution to refinance the remainder of the 2008 bond. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

CFO Zimba presented to the Board that IDI and R&E Development Group, who have been working on the preliminary bond renewal, would like to be approved to do the work if the bond passes. A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Janie Meeker to continue with IDI and R&E Development Group, with a review of their contracts. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Superintendent Hartel gave a preliminary enrollment update and as of September 25th the Elementary enrollment is 539 and the Jr/Sr high school enrollment is 455. Total enrollment is up 1 student from the February 2017 count. We are up 3 students from the October 2016 count. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

The board discussed its goals for the 2017-2018 school year. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Superintendent Hartel presented the board with the spring M-Step and SAT scores. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Janet Richards gave an update on the Strategic Planning Committee. They had a meeting prior to this meeting and they are moving right along and will have another meeting in October.

Superintendent Hartel shared a list of this years foreign exchange students.

He also gave the board a list of upcoming band performance dates..

**Public Participation: None**

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business:**

Board President Alice Zaleski share with the board information that she learned at a MASB training that she attended.

Athletic Director Don Markel brought to the board a proposal to have a co-op girls soccer with USA schools. It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski, to approve a co-op girls soccer team with USA schools. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker, to allow the Jr/Sr high school marching band to participate in the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival Parade on Sunday, October 8, 2017. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Other: None**

At 7:43 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, that the regular meeting be adjourned to go into closed session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:06 p.m. Board President Alice Zaleski reconvened the open session.

At 8:07 p.m. a motion was made by Emily Lasceski, supported by Janie Meeker to carry on with the current expulsion status of **Student A**. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7-0. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:08 p.m. a motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Emily Lasceski to adjourn the open session. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Emily Lasceski, Secretary  
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