

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 26, 2015**

The organizational meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Board Room by President Craig Bellew.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janie Meeker

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Hartel, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Daniels, Elementary Principal Fernald, Asst. Principal Markel, and CFO Cunningham

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bellew.

Board members Stacey Bliss, David Osentoski and Alice Zaleski were sworn in for their 4 years terms by Superintendent Hartel.

President pro tem Craig Bellew opened the floor for nomination of 2015 school board officers:
It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Emily Phillips, to nominate **Alice Zaleski for president.**
All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Emily Phillips, supported by Alice Zaleski, to nominate **Craig Bellew for vice president.**
All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski, to nominate **Janie Meeker for secretary.**
All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by Craig Bellew , to nominate **David Osentoski for treasurer. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski, 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 Emily Phillips, that the minutes from the regular and closed session meetings held on December 15, 2014 be approved as sent. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copies are in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the bills in the amount of \$213,967.23 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

Recognition and Presentations:

Superintendent Hartel recognized the Board with a gift and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to Cass City Public Schools. The Elementary students made and all signed a banner in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.

Reports and Communications:

CFO Mary Cunningham reported that next month she plans on presenting a revised budget and expects no surprises. The school also received its first payment on a Robotics grant.

Superintendent Hartel readdressed the fund balance allocation. It was discussed and decided that Mr. Hartel will get quotes on repairing the parking lots, the bus garage roof, technology upgrades and the ceiling heating at the high school. Estimates will be brought back to the February board meeting.

Mr. Hartel informed the board of the latest enrollment numbers prior to the February count date. We are currently down 11 students from the October Fall count date. Many of these due to job relocation and migrant workers. School of choice number are higher than those of students choosing to go to other schools. School of choice is helping in Cass City.

Thumb National Bank would like to put the Cass City Promise Account under Cass City Schools as an activity account with Jeff Hartel and Karen Easterling as signatures. A motion was made by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski to move the Cass City Promise account money to a Cass City Public School activity account. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Hi Performance Engineering has signed a lease to use the Library and Teacher's lounge in the Campbell building for a call center.

The listing for the Campbell building is up for renewal with Osentoski Realty. A discussion was had on the listing price being too high. A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, supported by Craig Bellew that we list the building with Osentoski Realty for another year and list the price at \$140,000. **Ayes 4 Nays 2. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Daniel Manwell, supported by David Osentoski, that CCPS remain a "School of Choice" District for the second semester of the 2014/2015 school year. Openings will be available in grades KDG. - 10th. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Participation: Teacher Jon Zdrojewski informed the board of the upcoming 8th grade trip to Washington DC and an upcoming pancake fundraiser at McDonald's on February 11, 2015 from 5:30 - 7:30.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Regular Board meeting dates and times were established: It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the regular meetings for the 2015/2016 year be held the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school board room, unless specified, including the Red Hawk Award of Excellence presentation (scheduled for the months of October, December, February, and April). **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

A presentation was made by Janet Richards, Reading Coach. She stated that the teachers in Cass City are doing a wonderful job and are very dedicated to the students success, but that there is always room for improvement and they are working on correcting those weak areas. (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Daniel Manwell, to approve the request for a Sunday all school play performance scheduled for March 22nd. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Emily Phillips, supported by Craig Bellew, to grant permission for band students to participate at the Tri-Country Honors Band at North Huron Schools on Sunday, February 01, 2015. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Motion was made by David Osentoski, supported by Daniel Manwell to hire Wendy Guinther as a Jr/Sr High School para pro. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Other: None

At 8:20 p.m., it was moved by Daniel Manwell, supported by David Osentoski that the regular meeting be adjourned and the Board go into closed session to discuss a student issue. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The open meeting reconvened at 8:34 p.m. A motion was made by Craig Bellew, supported by Daniel Manwell, to readmit Student A with 9 points. **Ayes 5 Nay 1. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:40 p.m. it was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

