

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
April 25, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on April 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City High School Library by President Alice Zaleski.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Craig Bellew, Alice Zaleski, Janie Meeker, David Osentoski, Daniel Manwell, and Stacey Bliss

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Emily Phillips

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zaleski.

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 Janie Meeker, supported by Daniel Manwell, that the minutes from the regular monthly & closed session board meetings held on March 21, 2016, 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 \$189,944.54 be paid in their entirety. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book.)

**Recognition and Presentations:**

The Board recognized the following students as the Red Hawk Award of Excellence Winners.  
**Aylsa Fritz – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and Aylssa Sangster – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The Board acknowledged the "Class of 2016" Honor Students.

**Valedictorian** – Bransen Stimpfel and **Salutatorian** – Lauren Potter

**Seniors earning GPAs of 3.50 or higher are:** Ilana Blattner, Chandler Cryderman, Sawyer Cuthrell, Kelly Delong, Macy Dickinson, Mason Erla, Parker Haire, Erin Hartsell, Tyler Hool, Shannon Kaweck, Tyler Laster, Meagan LeValley, Jason Mikolon, Tara Nicholas, Jessica Peters, Lauren Potter, Michael Rader, Taylor Rasmussen, Sophia Romain, Bransen Stimpfel, Maricella Zietz

**Seniors earning GPAs of 3.00 to 3.49 are:** Brandon Bean, Mandy Czekai, Alexander Graham, Joseph Kampo, Jordan Kittle, Keith Lounsbury, Victoria Mathewson, Rebecca Mulrath, Angelique Muz, Jesse Nye, Matthew Ozorowicz, Bryan Pinkoski, Taylor Spencer, Jose Torres, Devin Vermeesch, Nicole Warren

Behavioral Coach Nick Moyer gave a presentation on a new program at the Jr/Sr High School to help with at risk students with behavioral problems. He has 15 students that he is working with right now. He is helping them get caught up in school, raising their grades, attending school more regularly and helping to deal with anger issues in a more appropriate way and keeping in contact with their parents.

**Reports and Communications:**

CFO Allison Zimba asked the board to make a decision on whether or not to offer a Voluntary Separation Incentive Agreement. The board discussed the issue and decided not to offer an agreement this year. She also notified the board that she would be sending budget scenarios for the 2016-2017 budget to them for them to review before the May board meeting. She asked for the board to adopt a resolution for the interest rate on the Honeywell project to be lowered from 4.15% to 3.00%. Secretary Janie Meeker read the resolution. A motion was made by Alice Zaleski, seconded by Janie Meeker to adopt the resolution. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's Book)

There will be a budget meeting at 6:00 p.m., before the regular board meeting, on May 23, 2016.

Superintendent Hartel updated the board on information regarding the November 8<sup>th</sup> election. If their term is up this year the deadline is July 26<sup>th</sup> to turn in paperwork to Ed Labelle.

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew, that the resignation from Bus Mechanic Rod Mazure be accepted with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy of the letter is in the Secretary's book)

Mr. Hartel let the board know that Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, will remain a half day of school and that the Jr/Sr High School will be adding 2 minutes to the beginning and 2 minutes to the end of their day beginning April 26<sup>th</sup> to get in the required hours by the state. The Elementary school has enough buffer hours that they do not need to increase their minutes.

A resolution was read by Janie Meeker regarding the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV's) being prohibited on school grounds when there are students and spectators present. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew to adopt the resolution as read. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

#### **Public Participation:**

Teacher Jane Reif wanted to commend the Jr/Sr High Academic Games team for their good showing at the rescheduled Academic Games held at SVSU. The tech team took 1<sup>st</sup> place, the math team and the Jr High team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the English team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

##### **New Business:**

It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Janie Meeker, that the first reading of the NEOLA Spring Policy Updates be accepted as presented. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Alice Zaleski, supported by David Osentoski to accept the first reading of the NEOLA EDGAR (Education Department General Administrative Regulation) policy. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Jr/Sr High School Principal Chad Daniels presented information on the testing that they are doing in conjunction with preparing for the M-STEP and the SAT tests that students are required to take. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Agri-Science teacher Russ Weyer asked for board permission to hold the FFA banquet on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Jr/Sr High School cafeteria. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Daniel Manwell to allow the banquet. **All AYES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Other:** None

At 8:22 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by David Osentoski, that the regular meeting be adjourned and they go into closed session, to discuss teacher continued employment contracts. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

The open meeting reconvened at 8:41 p.m. and President Zaleski asked that motions be made, for continued employment, on the following teacher contracts:

It was moved by Stacey Bliss, supported by David Osentoski, to grant Ashley Copeland a Tenure Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by David Osentoski, supported by Janie Meeker, to grant Steven Hollocker a Tenure Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by Daniel Manwell, to grant Russell Weyer a Fourth Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Craig Bellew, to grant Sherri Distelrath a Third Year Probationary Contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

At 8:53 p.m. it was moved by Craig Bellew, supported by David Osentoski, that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Janie Meeker, Secretary  
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education