

**CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on December 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Library.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Lasceski, George Batty, Scott Richards, Stacey Bliss, and Mandy Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janie Meeker and Bryce VanVliet

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Zimba, Jr/Sr HS Principal Hartzell, Elementary Principal Fernald, CFO Pearce, and Student Representative Chelsea Roach

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Emily Lasceski

Consent Agenda

President Lasceski adopted the consent agenda as presented in the board packet.

It was moved by George Batty, supported by Scott Richards, to approve the consent agenda items as presented in the board packet. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Recognition and Presentations:

Red Hawk Award of Excellence Senior High – Matt Mellendorf, Jr High – Lydia Hartzell, Elementary – Sawyer Thick and Brayden Konczal

Athletic BTC White Division All-Conference

Volleyball

1st Team – Shelby Ignash, Lexi Champagne, Kacee Gray, Isabelle Phillips

2nd Team - Kylie McKee

Honorable Mention – Alysa Fritz, Skyler Ignash

Thumb Sportswriters - Team of the Year, Shelby Ignash – Player of the Year, Kacee Gray and Shelby Ignash 1st team.

Lexi Champagne and Isabelle Phillips 2nd team and Kylie McKee Honorable Mention.

All Region – Shelby Ignash, Kacee Gray, Lexi Champagne and Isabelle Phillips

All State Honors – Shelby Ignash 1st Team and Kacee Gray 2nd Team

All American – Shelby Ignash – Honorable Mention

Football

1st Team Offense – Rylan Kruse, Aaron Pietrzak, Carson Anthes, Ryker Wallace

1st Team Defense – Rylan Kruse, Jackson Anthony, Mason Gniewek

2nd Team Offense – Braxton Kolacz, Dylan Barrigar, Will Perry, Jackson Anthony, Ryker Wallace

2nd Team Defense – Carson Anthes, Dylan Barrigar, Ryker Wallace, Trent Patrick

Honorable Mention Offense – Tyler Healy, Trevor Tietjens, Gavin Franzel

Honorable Mention Defense – Aaron Peitrzak

Girls Golf

1st Team – Lexi Tamlyn, Danielle Curtis and Lindsey Langenburg

2nd Team – Lauren Hempton

Honorable Mention – Ashley Jones and Zoe Fuelleman

Boys Cross Country

2nd Team – Gage Dilsaver

Honorable Mention – Marshall Posluszny

Boys Soccer

2nd Team – Aleks Nika

Honorable Mention – Trenton Roberts and Brody Schefka

1st Year National Honor Society Members

Seniors: Elizabeth Binder, Mason Brown, Landon Dubs, Madyson Elston, Kian Hoppe and Katelyn Rockwell
Juniors: Lauren Bartnik, Rylee Bliss, Carla Cortes, Chloe Franzel, Addison Frederick, Brady Halabis, Lauren Hampton, Madelyn Hicks, Kilee Hopper, Kaleigh Kubacki, Madison Kulinski, Ali Learman, Rylie Ligrow

Frankenmuth Credit Union – Feel the Warmth

Public Participation: None

Reports and Communications:

1. Christin Hampton and a group of young ladies attended the MASSP Women's Summit. They gave a presentation on the things that they did at the convention. This is funded through the Biddenger Foundation. The girls really enjoyed the conference and the things that they took away from it and would definitely like to go again.
2. Superintendent Zimba informed the board of a grant that the school has received. The Filter First grant was awarded in the amount of \$32,140.00 and is to be used to become compliant with the new drinking water regulations.
3. The Red Hawk Wellness Center will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 9th at 10:00 am.
4. Barb Graff gave an update on the good things going on in our district.
5. Student Representative Chelsea Roach gave a presentation on the student activities. The treat train is running as a fundraiser to offset costs of the prom. NHS member volunteered at the elementary's Santa's Workshop. Snowcoming plans are in the works. NHS will be hosting a blood drive. Peer mentoring will be taking suicide awareness training (SafeTalk). Rotary Interact will be helping with Christmas for Kids shopping.

Unfinished Business:

1. A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to accepted the Superintendent's evaluation as Effective and to approve the Superintendent's 3-year contract. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by George Batty to approve the Cass City Education Association contract for August 15, 2024 – August 15, 2027. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to accept the Administrative and Support staff contract recommendations for the 2024-25 school year. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. The board reviewed the 2025 Board Meeting calendar.
4. A motion was made by George Batty, supported by Scott Richards to accept the \$500.00 donation from Thumb Bank for the CDL program. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copy in the Secretary's Book)
5. A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by Mandy Ross to accept the \$5,000.00 donation from Dan and Linda Pardee for the CDL program. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED** (Copy in the Secretary's book)
4. A motion was made by Stacey Bliss, supported by George Batty to accept the \$8,100.00 donation from an anonymous donation for Girl's Athletics. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copy in the Secretary's Book)

Other:

President Lasceski wanted to recognize and thank board trustee Scott Richards for his time and service that he has given to the board over the years. This meeting is his last meeting.

At 7:47 p.m., it was moved by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the regular meeting be adjourned to go into closed session for a student issue. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Stacey Bliss, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education