

**CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 23, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on September 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Board Room by President Emily Lasceski.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Emily Lasceski, George Batty, Stacey Bliss, Mandy Ross, Scott Richards, Bryce VanVliet and Janie Meeker

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Zimba, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Hartzell, Elementary Principal Fernald, Julie Bitzer, Curriculum Coordinator, Natalie Pearce, CFO.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lasceski.

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty to accept the consent agenda items as presented in the board packet. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

**Recognition and Presentations: None**

**Public Participation:** New Jr/Sr High School Science Teacher, Ben Southgate, introduced himself to the board.

**Reports and Communications:**

School Nurse Kathy Schuette gave an update on the progress of the clinic. We are moving forward with the School Wellness Model. This is a venture with Cass City Schools, Aspire Health Systems and Thumb Area Psychological.

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Scott Richards, to approve the Emergency Virtual Plan. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the secretary's book)

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Bryce VanVliet, to approve the bid change from Booms Construction in the amount of \$5,957.00 for the wellness clinic. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED** (A copy is in the secretary's book)

Schedule for the Superintendent's evaluation was set. The dates are as scheduled: November: 4th - self-evaluation sent to all Board Members. Formal Evaluation – Nov. 11th, 5:00 pm Board Room – Closed Session. Regular Board Meeting review outcome in open session –final rating – Nov. 25th @ 7:00 pm Board Room.

Barb Graff gave an update on the great things happening in both buildings. (A copy is in the secretary's book)

Student Representative Chelsea Roach reported on the upcoming Homecoming week. The theme is Retro Arcade Games and the dance theme will be disco. The powder puff game will be September 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Annual School Board Dinner will be held on November 20, 2024, 5:30-8:00 at the TISD.

**Unfinished Business:**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Mandy Ross, to approve the second reading of the Thru Board Policy July updates. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Scott Richards, to approve the second reading of the Emergency Operation Plan. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

After some discussion regarding the Athletic Handbook, a motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Scott Richards to table the approval of the policy until revisions are made. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to approve the resignation of HRA nurse Rebecca Vincent, with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (Copies in the secretary's book)

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to approve the hiring of Jill Lockard as our new HRA Nurse. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Bryce VanVliet, to accept the donation from Nutrient Ag in the amount of \$7,500 for the CDL program. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED** (A copy is in the secretary's book).

**Other:**

At 7:49 p.m., it was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. (MOTION CARRIED.**

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Stacey Bliss, Secretary  
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education