

**CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 24, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on November 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cass City Jr/Sr High School Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Lasceski, Stacey Bliss, Bryce VanVliet, Janie Meeker and George Batty.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mandy Ross and Kevin Rice

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Zimba, Elementary Principal Fernald, Jr/Sr High Principal Tamlyn, CFO Pearce and Student Achievement Coordinator Bitzer.

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

Recognition and Presentations:

Susan Hanby, Christina Swiderski, Barb Graff and all those who participated in the Veteran's Day assembly were recognized for the hard work and the wonderful assembly they put on.

Athletic BTC White Division All-Conference winners are:

Volleyball

1st Team – Skylar Ignash (unanimous), Karsyn Ignash (unanimous)

2nd Team – Raylynn Platzer

Honorable Mention – Lydia Hartzell, Jaidyn VanVliet, Grace Rockwell

Football

1st Team – Braxton Kolacz DB, Dylan Barrigar DL, Ethan Speirs OL, Jackson Anthony LB, Ryker Wallace RB

2nd Team – Drew Lowman OL, Ethan Speirs DL, Gavin Franzel LB, Hayden Anthes TE, Jackson Antony RB, Preston Dorland DB, Ryker Wallace LB, Tyler Healy OL

Honorable Mention – Blake Mackowiak LB, Braxton Kolacz RB, Brody Schefka K, Gavin Franzel Punter, Griffin Weiler DB, Hayden Anthes DL, Preston Dorland QB, Will Perry RB

Girls Golf

1st Team – Lexi Tamlyn, Ashley Jones and Lindsey Langenburg

2nd Team – Lauryn Hempton and Rylee Bliss

Honorable Mention – Lilly Jaworski

Boys Cross Country

Honorable Mention – Colton Kady and Marshall Posluszny

Girls Cross Country

Honorable Mention – Brystal Klinkman

Boys Soccer

1st Team – Ethan Hennessey, Aleks Nika, Brody Schefka

Honorable Mention – Kenton Nicholas

Girls Swim

1st Team – Lauren Bartnik 1M Diving

2nd Team – Taleisha Tageson 1M Diving

1st Year National Honor Society Members

Seniors: Paige D'Arcy, Ashley Jones, Michael VanWongherhem, Ryker Wallace

Juniors: Wynter Brinkman, Conor Currier, Derek Dorland, Elyse Hoppe, Lilly Jaworski, Emily Jock, Elizabeth Kohaif, Lindsey Langenburg, Haylee Mahoney, Sophia Mathewson, Brady Mellendorf, William Perry, Rylyn Pringle, Brody Schefka, Ethan Speirs, Ella Steadman, Alexis Tamlyn, Claire Walker, Sadie Witt

Public Participation: PLUS ladies came and presented the board with thank you treats.

Reports and Communications:

Superintendent Zimba informed the board of the 31aa funding. The date to opt into this funding is December 4th. There is an opportunity to opt out if certain language is not revised. This can be done by December 30th. A motion was made by Janie Meeker to opt into the 31aa funding, subject to potentially opting out. A roll call vote was taken. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

There was a bid opening for new tables for the Jr/Sr High School cafeteria. There were 5 bids submitted. The 2 lowest bids were from DC Exports and Dew-el. Mrs. Zimba did some looking into DC Exports, as we have worked with Dew-el in the past. After some discussion a motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to accept the bid from Dew-el for \$96,707.00 for the Jr/Sr High School cafeteria tables. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

The school is partnering with the Village of Cass City on a Safe Routes to school grant. Looking to put in some sidewalks on routes to school. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Superintendent Zimba presented the board with a potential work list for the upcoming May 2026 bond vote

The Coordinated Health Team received a grant and purchased a refrigerator for a food pantry. The refrigerator will be delivered to the Elementary School.

Barb Graff gave an update on the wonderful things that are happening within our district. (A copy is in the Secretary's book)

Student representative Chloe Franzel reported the Senior Mackinac Island trip was wonderful and thanked Mrs. Hempton for arranging it, the VFW for sponsoring the Fort tour and Rotary for the carriage tour. Mr. Buxman and Mrs. Nordstrom took a group of students to the Tuscola County Courthouse to observe jury selection for a civil medical malpractice case. There will be a rewards movie day coming up. Youth for Christ is holding morning bible studies led by Brittany Hamilton.

Unfinished Business

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty, to approve the second reading of the Thrun Board Policy updates. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business

The results of Superintendent Zimba's annual review were announced. Mrs. Zimba was given an Effective Rating. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss, to approve the Superintendent's evaluation results. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to remain school of choice for the second semester. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to approve the donation for heart monitors for Elementary PE class from the Dorothy Scollon Family Foundation for \$500. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in Secretary's Book)

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty to approve the donation for a 3D printer for the STEM program at the Jr/Sr High School from the Dorothy Scollon Family Foundation for \$500. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in Secretary's Book)

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty to approve an Anonymous donation of \$8,100 for various girl's athletic programs. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Stacey Bliss to approve the donation for Elementary Programs from the AAUW for \$1,000. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in Secretary's Book)

It was moved by Janie Meeker, supported by Bryce VanVliet to approve the donation for Jr/Sr High School Programs from the AAUW for \$1,000. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy is in Secretary's Book)

Other: none

At 7:51 p.m. it was moved by George Batty, supported by Stacey Bliss, that the regular monthly meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**