CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CASS CITY, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 28, 2026

The regular meeting of the Cass City Public School Board of Education was called to order on September 28, 2026 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, Mandy Ross, and Janie Meeker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stacey Bliss, Bryce VanVliet and Kevin Rice

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Zimba, Jr./Sr. H.S. Principal Tamlyn, Elementary Principal Fernald, Natalie Pearce CFO, Student Representatives Conor Currier.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lasceski.

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

Recognition and Presentations: None

Public Participation: None

Reports and Communications:

25-26 MSTEP data was presented. Our students were over the ISD and State averages in all but 2 categories. Proud of our staff and students for their hard work.

Superintendent Zimba presented information on the bond, primarily in regards to the ramp to the bus loop. Mrs. Zimba will contact the architects to see if they can come up with another alternative for the designs presented.

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Mandy Ross, to approve IDI as the architect for the upcoming bond. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

School resource officer Ashley Colman presented information on the upcoming millage election for the village police department.

Schedule for the Superintendent's evaluation was set. The dates are as scheduled: November 2nd - self-evaluation sent to all Board Members. Formal Evaluation – Nov. 9th, 5:00 pm Board Room – Closed Session. Regular Board Meeting review outcome in open session –final rating – Nov. 23rd @ 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 Conor Currier reported on the Straight Talk Assembly, they had live music, the speaker addressed areas such as drug/alcohol abuse and mental health awareness. The students really enjoyed the PBIS kickoff event.

The Annual School Board Dinner will be held on November 17th @ 5:30 pm.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by Mandy Ross, to accept an Anonymous donation in the amount of $8,100 for student activities. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty, to accept a donation from the Biddinger Family Foundation in the amount of $38,076.00, to support extra student educational activities. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**.

A retirement letter was read from teacher Steve VerBurg by Vice President Janie Meeker. A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty, to accept the retirement with regrets. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**.

A motion was made by Janie Meeker, supported by George Batty to hire Kali Friday as a Paraprofessional at the Elementary building. **All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

The hiring of Marla Smierski-Steely has been tabled to next month.

Other:

At 7:53 p.m., it was moved by George Batty, supported by Janie Meeker, that the regular meeting be adjourned. **All Ayes. (MOTION CARRIED.**

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Stacey Bliss, Secretary
Cass City Public Schools Board of Education