

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
Board of Education
Regular Meeting

October 19, 2015

The Chassell Township School Board of Education met on Monday, October 19, 2015, in the library. President Ken Kytta called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present: Carl Olson (5:43 p.m.) Marcia Messer, Suzanna Tuomi, Roger Tervo, Ken Kytta

Absent: Lynn Gierke

GUESTS – Tricia Tervo, Sarah Guidotti, Margaret Salmi, Denise Messina, Sue Hietala, Elen Maurer (Early Childhood Specialist - BHK)

- Elen Maurer spoke to the board members about the value of a high quality preschool. She explained about the funding for Head Start and the Great Start Readiness Program. BHK is a grant funded non-profit agency that follows regulations governing the use of public funds. BHK is Head Start focused. Discussion then went on to “Chassell specific” as far as what is needed to have a head start class in Chassell. First a pool of students must be developed; the pool would include eligible students from all category areas such as family income, age of the child, disability issues plus other factors. The pool should be at least 1 student/slot greater than the ability to serve. Fourteen “eligible” children or 28 slots would be the break even point; sixteen students or thirty-two slots would be an ideal number of students to run a profitable program in Chassell. Ms. Maurer stated that if board members wanted more information or had additional questions, they may contact her at any time.

Regular Board Meeting – September 21, 2015 – Chris Holmes moved, seconded by Roger Tervo, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 21, 2015. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Treasurer's Report - Ken Kytta reported an Income of \$201,145.53, Expenses of \$198,503.56, leaving a Net Income balance of \$2,641.97 for the period of September 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015.

The General Fund Cash & Investment Balance as of September 30, 2015 was \$169,358.11.

Carl Olson moved, seconded by Chris Holmes, to approve the treasurer's report, petty cash report, and to pay the September bills as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Carl Olson, Marcia Messer, Suzanna Tuomi, Roger Tervo, Chris Holmes, Ken Kytta

NAYS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- The cross country team heads to the U.P. Finals which will be held in Gladstone on Saturday, October 24. Good Luck to both teams.
- Chassell will play on Wednesday, November 4 at 6 p.m. in the Class D girls' volleyball district tournament in Ontonagon.
- The 7th grade girls' junior high basketball team will play in the finals which will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at Hancock High School. Chassell will play against Houghton.
- The juniors took the PSAT test on Wednesday, October 14.
- The ASVAB test has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 28. The test is for any junior or senior who is interested in a military career.
- The school district received a reimbursement check from MASB/SEG Property Casualty pool for a 2014-15 net asset return of \$4,644.00.

Legislative update:

- Senate Bill 442 would allow an individual with a Concealed Pistol License (CPL) to request a special endorsement with no additional training. This would allow them to carry a concealed firearm into no-carry zones, such as schools, but prohibit open carry. Current law doesn't prohibit the open carry of firearms at schools, universities, community colleges or public libraries if you have a CPL. This is being touted as a compromise to the "open-carry issue" by the bill sponsor.
- House Bill 4182 states that a member of a public body must be physically present to be able to vote. Under the bill, if a person were to participate in a meeting by phone or Skype or some other remote system, they would not be allowed to vote. If they did cast a vote, the meeting would be considered to have violated the Open Meetings Act.
- Senate Bill 103 would establish a teacher and administrator evaluation system. The bill also specifies that multiple observations mean at least two, and the percentage of evaluation based on student growth and assessment data would not increase until the 2018-19 school year. Under this bill, it would increase to 40 percent at that time. It also states that an administrator's evaluation can be done annually, rather than specifying it must be at year-end.
- House Bill 4822 addresses reading proficiency by third grade. Amendments to the bill allow a parent, teacher and principal to determine whether a student who is still struggling with reading in third grade should be retained or allow a student who is still struggling in reading but doing fine in other subjects to advance to the fourth grade, but continue to receive proper literacy interventions were not adopted. Changes to the original bill include: (a) requiring the Department of Education to release the results of the state English language arts assessment by June 1 of each year; (b) allow a student's IEP team to determine if s/he should be exempt from the retention requirements under the bill. This also applies to students with a 504 plan; (c) delays mandatory retention until the 2019-2020 school year, which would be next year's kindergarteners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. CCASB Report – No report this month.
- B. Property Committee – Carl Olson reported that the property committee had discussed the snowplowing issue. Due to the fact that the board had recently approved an expenditure of just over \$2,000.00 to overhaul the plow truck to try to get another year out of it, the committee felt it would be best to have Mark Roth cover the snow plowing until he leaves for Florida, then contract with DLH Contracting (Dave Hokenson) to cover for Mark during his absence. DLH Contracting has verified that they would be interested in continuing to provide snow removal at the same rate as in the past which was \$50 per hour for general plowing and \$80 per hour for heavy equipment snow removal or the pushing back of snow banks.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Yearbook – A brief discussion was held regarding fundraising for the yearbook. Last year, advertising sales did not raise enough money to cover the cost of the book so to begin this year, the yearbook balance due was just over nine hundred dollars. The first fundraiser that the yearbook committee did to help spark pre-sales was to offer a "Panther water tumbler" with a pre-sale of a yearbook. The water tumblers sold out immediately. The board suggested ordering another set of tumblers which will be paid out of the *CTS Activity Account (GF)/pop fund*. A second fundraiser that has been planned is a "movie night" which will be held on Friday, November 20.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Plowing 2015-2016 – Carl Olson moved, seconded by Roger Tervo, to approve DLH Contracting to provide snow removal services at a rate of \$50.00 per hour for general plowing and \$80.00 per hour for heavy equipment. Motion carried on a roll call vote:
- AYES: Carl Olson, Marcia Messer, Suzanna Tuomi, Roger Tervo, Chris Holmes, Ken Kytta
NAYS: None
- B. Junior Class Advisor – Carl Olson moved, seconded by Roger Tervo, to approve Margaret Salmi and Polly Sue Goddard as the Junior Class (Class of 2017) advisors. Mrs. Salmi and Mrs. Goddard will be the advisors through the class graduation in May 2017. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- C. The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at 3 p.m. at the CCISD to review the audit report.
- D. The Education Committee will meet on Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 3 p.m. in the Panther Room to review NEOLA policies with John Vaara from NEOLA.
- E. The November board meeting will be on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

Roger Tervo moved, seconded by Chris Holmes, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

President:

Approved:

Secretary: