

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
Board of Education
Regular Meeting

November 16, 2015

The Chassell Township School Board of Education met on Monday, November 16, 2015, in the library. President Ken Kytta called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Present: Marcia Messer, Suzanna Tuomi, Chris Holmes, Ken Kytta

Absent: Carl Olson, Roger Tervo, Lynn Gierke

GUESTS – Jane Rautiola, Tamara Pietila, Margaret Salmi, Sarah & Marco Guidotti, Sue Hietala, Polly Sue & Jacy Goddard, Jason Auel (CCISD); Brandi Hainault – senior class representatives: Noelle Olson, Julia Pietila, Hannah Tuomi

Jason Auel, Audit Report – Jason reported that the district had a clean audit and had an unqualified opinion from the auditor (which is what the district strives to achieve).

The District's General Fund ended the year within budget. The total fund balance increased from \$160,614 to \$220,292. The total fund balance is made up of non spendable, \$3,359; assigned, \$50,963, and unassigned, \$165,970. The assigned fund balance has been set aside to cover the budget deficit in the approved 2015-16 budget. Expenditures and transfers out of the General Fund totaled \$2,216,198 and revenue and transfers in, totaled \$2,275,876, compared to \$2,225,002 and \$2,075,431 in 2014, respectively.

The District implemented GASB No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27. This statement changed how governments measure and report the long-term obligations and annual costs associated with the pension benefits they provide.

Senior Class Representatives – Hannah Tuomi, Julia Pietila and Noelle Olson, along with the senior class advisor Brandi Hainault presented the Class trip proposal for the Class of 2016. The class would like to take a Carnival Cruise to the Bahama's. The class would drive to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and then fly to Florida to board the cruise in Miami. The cruise dates are from Monday, May 23 – Friday, May 27. The approximate cost for the cruise (for 12 people) is \$4,190. The approximate cost of air fare is \$4,200 (\$350 per person) and 1 night in a hotel during travel would be approximately \$225. Space and reduced rates are running out fast for the cruise; so booking is encouraged as soon as possible. The class would like tentative approval of their travel plans so that they may secure cruise tickets and airline tickets at a reduced rate.

Additional Guest Comments – Tamara Pietila had several comments: (A) She inquired whether it would be possible to change board meetings to Wednesday evening as Monday nights normally have sporting events scheduled. (B) She also addressed the subject of the senior class members having to pay for graduation, such as for staging, flowers, diplomas and diploma covers. Prior to the meeting, administration did look into this issue. It was discovered that several years ago, inadvertently, these items were paid out of the "class funds" rather than the General Fund where they should be paid out of; hence since then when students/parents/staff questioned how items were paid, it was stated that "past practice was to have them paid out of the class funds". This will be changed effective immediately. (C) Last item, Mrs. Pietila wanted the board to be aware of the lack of choices for junior and senior students. She stated that as she worked in the office the first week of school when Carol was not available, she was very much aware of the comments that students were making regarding the lack of choices.

Margaret Salmi spoke to the board regarding the difficulty for students trying to take a foreign language on-line through the OdysseyWare program, such as her daughter is. She was wondering what other choices students had for a foreign language rather than through OdysseyWare when there is no support for those students. Mr. Parmentier will follow up on this issue.

Regular Board Meeting – October 20, 2014 – Chris Holmes moved, seconded by Marcia Messer, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 19, 2015. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Treasurer's Report - Chris Holmes reported an Income of \$186,002.45, Expenses of \$231,067.26, leaving a deficit Net Income balance of (\$45,064.81) for the period of October 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015.

The General Fund Cash & Investment Balance as of October 31, 2015 was \$130,061.37.

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

AYES: Marcia Messer, Suzanna Tuomi, Chris Holmes, Ken Kytta

NAYS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. **Banners for Boys & Girls Cross Country** – Mr. Parmentier spoke with Dan from the Elite Sign Company here is Chassell regarding getting banners for the gym to recognize the boys and girls cross country team honors from last year and this year. The estimate received for a 4'x8' banner to match existing banners in the gym would be approximately \$128.00 each.
- B. **Cross Country Awards** –
- Coach of the Year - Marco Guidotti
 - U.P. Dream Team – Shitaye Sam (top 7 runners in the U.P.)
 - U.P. Boys Small School Team of the Year – Chassell Boys
 - U.P. Girls Small School Team of the Year – Chassell Girls
 - All-State Honors: Abraham Gockenbach, Hunter Rautiola, Ben Tuomi, Shitaye Sam and Lela Rautiola
 - All-U.P. Honors: Lars Daavettila, Julia Pietila, Jenna Pietila
- C. **Volleyball Awards** –
- 1st Team All-Conference – Julia Nordstrom
 - 2nd Team All-Conference – Lindsey Johnson
 - Honorable Mention – Katri Rajala
- D. **Non-Traditional Automotive Career Day** – The non-traditional automotive career day for females that are juniors and seniors has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 9 from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Career Tech Center in Hancock.
- E. **Early College – Reduced fees**
- Gogebic Community College administration has reduced the fees for early college students during their junior and senior years of high school. All students in the early college program will not be charged the \$60.00 per semester for *Student Service Fees* during year one and year two. During year three the cost will be reduced from \$120.00 per semester to \$60.00 per semester.
- F. **TV 6 Can-a-thon** – The Student Council has organized and is running the TV 6 Can-a-thon which runs through December 2, 2015.
- G. **Scholastic Book Fair** - The scholastic book fair was just completed. It ran November 12-13 during parent/teacher conferences. The profit generated from the sale goes back to the library.

- H. **National Honor Society Induction** – The National Honor Society Induction ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Board members are invited to attend.
- I. **Fall Athletic Sports Banquet** – The Fall athletic sports banquet is in the planning stages. Two dates that have been suggested are Tuesday, November 24 or Wednesday, December 2. The banquet will be a potluck as it was last year.
- J. **PATT Group & Booster Club SET-SEG Liability** – Mr. Parmentier spoke to Bob Staple from Set-Seg. The PATT group and the sports booster club are not covered under the schools liability insurance while doing concession stands at events outside the school building.
- K. **Legislative Updates** –
- Teacher Evaluation – Bill was signed
 - Third Grade Reading – Passed the House and is now in the Senate
 - Conceal Carry – Governor will most likely Veto this bill
 - Roads – This bill passed; there is concern about taking money from the school aid fund
 - Unfunded Mandates – Bill supported by Senator Casperson
 - Detroit Bailout – This bill should pass; what can we (U.P.) get out of it
 - Labor Day Start Date – New bill proposed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Finance Committee** – Ken Kytta reported they had met on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. and reviewed the financial audit report. (Summary given at the beginning of the meeting by Jason Auel).
- B. **Education Committee** – Marcia Messer reported the committee had met on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. to review NEOLA policies Vol. 30, No. 1 (September 2015).
Policy Numbers: 0140 (0144.3) 0170 (0175.1) 1130 1217
1420 1630.01 3110 3217 3430.01
4110 4217 4430.01 5517.02 5772
5830 6110 6111 6320 6440
6850 7217 8321 8400 8500
9211
- C. **Joint Leadership Committee** – Chris Holmes reported the committee had met with teacher representatives on Thursday, November 5, 2015. Discussions were very cordial and informative. Communication was open and honest.
- D. **CCASB Report Committee** – Suzy Tuomi reported the committee had met on Wednesday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. The group discussed topics to be covered at the legislative gathering event. The winter program has been tentatively scheduled for March 23, 2016, in conjunction with the next regular CCASB meeting. The Dollar Bay-Tamarack City Area Schools will be the site for the evening. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. with a tour of the school at 6:00 p.m., to be followed by a program focusing on Career and Technical Education.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Audit Summary – Refer to the finance committee report.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Senior Class Trip – Chris Holmes moved, seconded by Suzanna Tuomi, to give tentative approval for the senior class to plan a Carnival Cruise to the Bahama's, so that the class may secure reduced rates for the cruise and secure air fare when the rates are at a discounted price. The school board also asked that the students (Class of 2016) to present to the board a more detailed proposal of educational activities that will be planned during their class trip. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

B. Audit Report – Chris Holmes moved, seconded by Marcia Messer, to accept the audit report as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Marcia Messer, Suzanna Tuomi, Chris Holmes, Ken Kytta

NAYS: None

C. First Draft Reading – Chris Holmes moved, seconded by Suzanna Tuomi, to approve the first draft reading of the NEOLA policies, Vol. 30, No. 1 (September 2015).

Policy Numbers:	0140 (0144.3)	0170 (0175.1)	1130	1217
1420	1630.01	3110	3217	3430.01
4110	4217	4430.01	5517.02	5772
5830	6110	6111	6320	6440
6850	7217	8321	8400	8500
9211				

Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

D. Assistant Track Coach – Suzanna Tuomi moved, seconded by Chris Holmes, to hire Ross Michaels as the Assistant Track Coach. Wages to be paid according to the Schedule B Contract. Motion carried with all members voting AYE. (Please see attached cover letter and resume).

E. The December board meeting will be on Monday, December 21, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

Chris Holmes moved, seconded by Marcia Messer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Approved:

President:

Secretary:

823 Summit St.
Hancock, MI 49930
November 5, 2015

Howard Parmentier
Superintendent
Chassell Township Schools
P.O. Box 140
Chassell MI, 49916

Dear Mr. Parmentier,

I am writing to you to express my interest in the open assistant varsity track coaching position. I heard about the position from Mr. Guidotti and he encouraged me to apply when it posted. I believe that I am uniquely qualified to fill the needs that come with coaching at a small school. I am speaking specifically about the experience I have to offer, being a Chassell track alumni, along with the further knowledge and skills I have acquired as a collegiate decathlete at Michigan Tech.

As a member of the Chassell track team I excelled as both a sprinter and pole-vaulter. I was awarded Copper Country MVP Jumper, All UP pole-vaulter and 100m, and was respected as captain during both my junior and senior seasons mostly due to my work ethic. Since my time at Chassell, I have grown as a member of the Michigan Tech track team, expanding my repertoire to include the ten events that make up the decathlon. I believe you will be hard pressed to find even three separate individuals with an equivalent knowledge in such a wide array of events. Alongside my experience in the sport I have gained technical knowledge in the fields of nutrition, biomechanics, anatomy and physiology in my academic studies that contribute to my understanding of the science behind designing proper training protocols.

Again, I have talked to Mr. Guidotti about the position and believe that our personalities, knowledge, and training philosophies will mesh well together to create both a positive and hopefully transformative opportunity for the student athletes and a competitive track and field program. I have included a copy of my academic resume for you to review at your convenience. Thank you for your time and I look forward to the possibility of working along side you.

Sincerely,

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Education

College

Major: Biomedical
Engineering &
Pre-Medicine

Minor: Ethics &
Philosophy

Class: Junior
Current GPA: 4.0

Collegiate Involvement

MTU Track & Field Decathlete. Fall 2014 to present.

- Competed at 2015 GLIAC Finals.
- Maintains high level of performance on and off the field.
- Balances up to four hour practices with college work load.

Undergraduate Researcher. Spring 2014 to present.

- Currently heading biomedical research project in collagen denaturation.
- Organizes and instructs team of undergraduate researchers.
- Awarded Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship during summer of 2015.

MTU Honors Institution member. Fall 2013 to Present.

- Currently upholding GPA and social conduct at a level viewed as acceptable by the Institution.
- Working on second of three contract assignments. (20 + hour non-course projects)

MTU Leading Scholar & Deans List. Fall 2013 to Present.

Medical Experiences

MTU EMS Lieutenant. Spring 2014 to present.

- Certified as an EMT-B April of 2015.
- Currently performing as a lieutenant on 24/7 and responsible for leadership of an emergency squad.
- Passed all practical, clinical, and the national exam.
- Worked in high stress, life or death situations providing emergency care to patients.
- Currently in charge of continuing education training.

Chassell Township First Responder. Spring 2014 to present.

American Heart Association CPR Instructor. Fall 2014 to present.

Red Cross Certified Lifeguard. Spring 2014 to present.

Employment

Math lab Consultant. January 2014 to present.

- Consults students in need of help with the integrated math software, Mathematica.
- Promotes learning through guiding questions, and functions as a teacher's assistant grading labs.

MERCY EMS EMT-B. April 2015 to present.

- Acts to provide emergency care alongside Paramedic partner.
- Coordinates with hospital, dispatch, local first responders, and air transfer crews.

Laborer. 2006 to present.

- Employed locally performing housing renovations and rehabilitation.

Personal Interests

Amazing Grace Mission Team Grace United SPRC Board Member Haiti Mission – Living Media
Housing Renovation Camp Michigamme Adult Mentor
Enjoys Backpacking, Guitar, Cooking, Wakeboarding, & Snowboarding