

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting**

**January 18, 2016**

The Chassell Township School Board of Education met on Monday, January 18, 2016, in the library. President Ken Kytta called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Guests: Denise Messina, Tamara Pietila, Polly Sue Goddard, Angela Danison, Hannah Tuomi

Present: Carl Olson, Suzanna Tuomi, Roger Tervo, Lynn Gierke, Chris Holmes, Ken Kytta

Absent: Marcia Messer

NOTE – Election of Officers and Oath of Office will take place after each election year. (Even year elections). Next change will be done January 2017.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- A. Election of officers – PRESIDENT – Ken Kytta tendered his resignation as school board president. Chris Holmes moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to elect *Roger Tervo* as president. No other nominations. Motion carried with all board members voting AYE.
- B. Election of officers – VICE PRESIDENT – Carl Olson moved, seconded by Roger Tervo to elect *Ken Kytta* as vice president. No other nominations. Motion carried with all board members voting AYE.
- C. Election of officers – SECRETARY – No change.
- D. Election of officers – TREASURER – No change.

**GUESTS:**

- Hannah Tuomi gave an update regarding the senior class trip. Currently Mrs. Hainault is still looking for flights but the cruise tickets have been purchased. Boarding of the ship starts at noon on Monday, May 23 and the ship is set to sail at 4 p.m. The cruise will arrive at Nassau in the Bahamas at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24 and will depart from there at 5 p.m. The next stop will be at Half Moon Cay in the Bahamas at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25 and will depart at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> will be a “fun day at Sea” and the ship arrives back in Miami, Florida at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 27. Educational places to visit include: The Queen’s Staircase, Botanical Gardens, Fort Charlotte and the Government House to name a few.

Board members asked if the class had enough funds for their trip. The class funds are in good shape and the class still has several fundraisers left to do.

Regular Board Meeting – December 14, 2015 – Carl Olson moved, seconded by Ken Kytta, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 14, 2015. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Treasurer's Report - Lynn Gierke reported an Income of \$211,758.01 and Expenses of \$175,224.97 leaving a Net Income balance of \$36,533.04.

The General Fund Cash & Investment Balance as of December 31, 2015 was \$176,960.87.

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

AYES: Carl Olson, Suzanna Tuomi, Chris Holmes, Lynn Gierke, Ken Kytta, Roger Tervo

NAYS: None

## COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Administrative Items

- **MI-Step School Data** –
  - To be reviewed next month when Mr. Parmentier is present.
- **Truancy Update** –Bill Green will begin to work through the Houghton County Sheriff Department. Billing will be through the county beginning in January and not through the CCISD due to retirement guidelines through the state.
- **ISD-Wide Crisis Team** – The CCISD has actively been recruiting members for an Area Wide Crisis Team for the local school districts. The ISD-wide team will work with local school district teams to provide crisis training. The ISD-wide team will have law enforcement, clergy, mental health workers and medical care workers. The hope is to have this team up and running by the end of January.
- **Computer Issue** – Remc1 has turned off the ability of students to add extensions. Students will still be able to access all school information. Students will NOT be able to get to Facebook, you-tube, etc.; sites they should not be able to get to. This is also what was causing a problem with Odyssey Ware submissions.
- **Chassell Lions Club** – Sent a thank you to the following students for their assistance during their annual Halloween Party: Jack Gockenbach, Bikiltu Gockenbach, Shelby Olson, Ginny Hyypio, Janie Huhta, Katie Huhta and Dylan Messina.
- **CCISD – Early Literacy Coach** – Angela Emblad has been hired. She is a U.P. native and taught 5 years in L’Anse. For the past 10 years, Angela has been a Literacy and Math coach in Colorado. The interview committee was extremely impressed with her background experience.
- **Legislative Update** –
  - ✓ Senate Bill 571 – this new law bans the use of public resources to communicate factual and unbiased information about local ballot initiatives for 60 days prior to an election. The 60-day gag order went into effect on January 8.
  - ✓ House Bill 5219 – would allow communication that includes the date of the election and the ballot language but nothing further. This falls far short of factual campaigns that local governments and schools run to make sure their electorate is well informed of the proposals on the ballot
  - ✓ House Bills 5156-5159 – would change the time a teacher spends in professional development from five days to 30 hours and require that 50% of the development would have to occur in groups of 30 or fewer teachers. This training would be separate from the 15 days required within a teacher’s first three working years, although the bills also change that requirement to 90 hours during at least 15 days in increments of at least 30 minutes each day. Of specific concern, included in the legislation is a penalty of a 5% reduction in state aid if a district fails to comply with this legislation.
- **Fan Bus to ETC for Boys Basketball** – Mr. Todd Van Kleeck wanted to organize a fan bus to Ewen Trout Creek for the boys’ basketball games on January 21. The approximate cost of the bus would be \$252.00 which Mr. Van Kleeck stated the Sports Booster would cover, or he would personally cover. The minimum number of fans needed to run the bus would be 25 people. Likewise, he would like to make the same offer for a girls’ basketball game. The girls coach suggested a district game on Monday, February 29 going to Ontonagon.

- **Board Appreciation Month** – Chassell Township Schools “proudly join educators and community members in saluting our board members as education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities.” Board members were presented with certificates of appreciation along with coffee and dessert after the meeting.
- **Foundation Board of Directors Meeting** – Will be held on Tuesday, January 26 at 5 p.m. at the Superior National Bank board room.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No committee reports this month.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Superintendent/Principal Evaluation forms were distributed. Board members were asked to have them returned to the board president no later than the February board meeting.
- B. Senior Class Trip – Discussed during the guest portion of the meeting.
- C. Food Service Department – Preliminary discussions have been held with Shelby Turnquist and Doreen Klingbeil from Houghton-Portage Township Schools regarding the feasibility of providing administrative assistance to our food service department. Mrs. Curnow will be officially retiring at the end of the school year and will not be returning.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Board Member Appreciation – Board members were presented with dessert and beverages in honor of “Board Member Appreciation Month”.
- B. February Board Meeting – The February board meeting will be held on Monday, February 15, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. The amended budget update for 2015-2016 will be presented.

Chris Holmes moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

President:

Approved:

Secretary: