

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
Board of Education
Regular Meeting

August 15, 2016

The Chassell Township School Board of Education met on Monday, August 15, 2016, in the library. President Roger Tervo called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

Present: Marcia Messer, Suzanna Tuomi, Roger Tervo, Ken Kytta

Absent: Lynn Gierke, Carl Olson, Chris Holmes

GUESTS: Sarah Guidotti, Tammy Helminen, Graham Jaehnig (Daily Mining Gazette)

Tammy Helminen was introduced as the new kindergarten teacher.

Regular Board Meeting – July 18, 2016 and Special Board Meeting – July 27, 2016 – Marcia Messer moved, seconded by Suzanna Tuomi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 18, 2016, and the special meeting on July 27, 2016. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Treasurer's Report - Howard Parmentier reported an Income of \$29,999.94, Expenses of \$84,933.81, leaving a deficit Net Income balance of (\$54,933.87) for the period of July 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

The General Fund Cash & Investment Balance as of July 31, 2016 was \$84,848.40.

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

AYES: Marcia Messer, Suzanna Tuomi, Ken Kytta, Roger Tervo

NAYS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Bond Proposal – The bond proposal has been delivered to the Houghton County Courthouse. In part the bond proposal reads: "borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds. The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2017 is 1.87 mills for a 0 mill net increase over the prior year's levy."
- B. House Bill 4493 – Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the social studies curriculum at Michigan public schools must teach students about genocide, including the Holocaust and Armenian Genocide. The legislation amends the state school code to recommend a combined six hours of instruction regarding genocide between eighth and twelfth grades. The bill was one of eleven signed by Governor Snyder on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.
- C. Advisory Opinion – Governor Rick Snyder is asking the Michigan Supreme Court for an advisory opinion on whether \$2.5 million in state dollars to reimburse nonpublic schools for complying with state mandates is constitutional. The \$2.5 million was included in the state's education budget, which Snyder signed into law last month. The dollars were opposed by groups such as the Michigan Association of School Boards and the Michigan Association of School Administrators, who argue the state constitution clearly prohibits public funding for private schools.
- D. Girls J.V. Basketball Coach – Currently there are two applicants for the position. Mrs. Brandi Hainault and Mr. Parmentier will be conducting interviews next week.

- E. Young Five Updates – Currently there are five students that are interested which is approximately four short of a viable class. TV6 news will be doing an interview at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, to help promote the young five program.
- F. 4/7th Music/Band Teacher – There has been no applicants for this position. Mr. Parmentier has talked with Joan Petrelius who might be willing to help out with this position. She has volunteered to spend more time helping Patti Perfetti with the program when she is available.
- G. 1/7th Government/Econ Teacher – Mr. Marco Guidotti will fill this position. A temporary teaching permit has been secured through the state. No one outside the school district had applied for this position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel Committee – The committee met on Wednesday, July 27, 2016, and continued discussions regarding the teacher contract. The teacher bargaining unit did not accept the latest proposal and the committee is now waiting on the teacher union for a counter proposal.
- B. Education Committee –The committee met on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, and discussed updates to the high school handbook. Highlights of the updates include the following: on-line (Odysseyware) assignment attempts; sixth grade was added to the high school handbook as they now are middle school students vs elementary students; items related to distance learning were removed; gymnastics was added to the athletic list; exam attendance award was reviewed; standardized testing was updated and the senior project was added. Handbook copies and language updates were shared with board members.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. School Calendar – The official start date for the 2016-2017 school year will be Tuesday, September 6, 2016. The day will be a half day for students with a staff in-service during the afternoon.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Milk Bid – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Suzanna Tuomi, to accept the milk bid from Jilbert Dairy for the 2016-2017 school year. The prices are as follows: 1% white milk (1/2 pint carton) fixed price \$0.2560; TruMoo Skim Chocolate Milk (1/2 pint carton) fixed price \$0.2760 and Skim White Milk (1/2 pint carton) fixed price \$0.2475. (Bid copy attached) Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Marcia Messer, Suzanna Tuomi, Ken Kytta, Roger Tervo
NAYS: None

- B. Resignation – Elementary Teacher – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Marcia Messer, to accept with regret the resignation of an elementary teacher, Rebekah Schmidt who taught in our Kindergarten classroom. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

- C. New Hire – Elementary Teacher – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Suzanna Tuomi, to hire Tammy Helminen as a new elementary teacher who will be placed in the Kindergarten classroom. Wages will be paid according to the Chassell Education Association/CCEA contract. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Marcia Messer, Suzanna Tuomi, Ken Kytta, Roger Tervo
NAYS: None

- D. Resignation – Girls JV Basketball Coach – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Marcia Messer, to accept with regret the resignation of Sarah Guidotti as the girls JV basketball coach. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- E. Resignation – Assistant Athletic Director – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Suzanna Tuomi, to accept with regret the resignation of Brandi Hainault as the assistant athletic director. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- F. Communities That Care Youth Survey – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Suzanna Tuomi, to authorize the tenth and twelfth grade students to participate in the “Communities That Care Youth Survey” sponsored by Dial Help and Houghton/Keweenaw Communities That Care Coalition (CTC). Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- G. High School Handbook Updates – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Roger Tervo, to approve the high school handbook updates which include the following: on-line (Odysseyware) assignment attempts; sixth grade was added to the high school handbook as they now are middle school students vs elementary students; items related to distance learning were removed; gymnastics was added to the athletic list; exam attendance award was reviewed; standardized testing was updated and the senior project was added. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- H. September board meeting will be on Monday, September 19, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

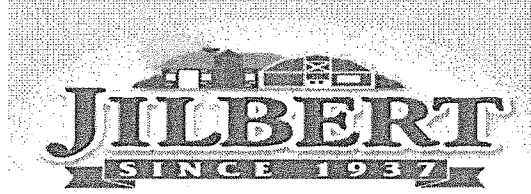
Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Roger Tervo, to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Approved:

President:

Secretary:

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in Dairy Products
for 79 years

Bid Form

To: Chassell Township Schools
Date: 7/22/2016

I have familiarized myself with the details outlined in your bid request, and hereby submit the following quotations.

"No Artificial Growth Hormones"
"We test all milk for antibiotics"

Fixed Price

<u>1% White Milk</u>	<u>"Cartons"</u>	<u>0.2560</u>	<u>Per</u>	<u>1/2 Pint</u>
<u>TruMoo Skim Choc Milk</u>	<u>"Cartons"</u>	<u>0.2760</u>	<u>Per</u>	<u>1/2 Pint</u>
<u>Skim White Milk</u>	<u>"Cartons"</u>	<u>0.2475</u>	<u>Per</u>	<u>1/2 Pint</u>

Terms

Net, 30 days from receipt of invoice
No credit for returns (unused milk).
Fixed price for duration of 2016-2017 school year

Respectfully submitted,

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Rebekah Schmidt
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July 27, 2016

To the School Board and Administration of of Chassell Township School District:

Effective July 27, 2016 I resign my teaching position in the Chassell Township School District.

It has been my honor and pleasure to share my talents with the student and parents. I have enjoyed the community and wish everyone nothing but the best for all.

Best,

Rebekah Schmidt

Mrs. Sarah Guidotti
P.O. Box 465
Dollar Bay, MI 49922

August 7, 2016

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

Dear Howard,

I have been doing a lot of thinking in the last few weeks about my decision with coaching girls junior varsity basketball. The more I think about the amount of time it is going to take, I know I won't be able to give it all that it needs. I feel as though focusing on my teaching is more important. And with having a young child at home, I've realized that he's not going to be young forever and I want to cherish any extra moments I have with him. I'm hoping further on down the road when I have been teaching for some time, and Dane is grown up, I may change my mind.

However, for right now, I know this is the best decision for me and my family and I am making the choice to officially step down as the girls junior varsity basketball coach.

Thank you for understanding.

Sincerely,

Sarah Guidotti

August 12, 2016

Dear Mr. Parmentier,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I will be unable to perform the duties of assistant athletic director. I unfortunately have to resign because the position requires more time than I am able to give. I will continue to support Chassell athletics in the future.

Thank you,

Brandi Hainault