

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
Board of Education
Regular Meeting

February 17, 2020

The Chassell Township School Board of Education met on Monday, February 17, 2020, in room 108. President Roger Tervo called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Randal Danison, B.J. Tervo, Suzanna Tuomi, Tanya Etelamaki, Roger Tervo

Absent: Ken Kytta, Carl Olson

Guests: Sarah & Marco Guidotti (w/ Dane & Kai), Trevor Clark, Tricia Tervo, Angela Danison, Mary Markham, Sarah Hoekstra, Hans Wienke (MEA UniServ Director), Melanie Harmala, Josh Normand, Janie & Katie Huhta, Brian Waters, Keith Meyers, Rebecca Torola, Tamera Pietila

Guests – Keith Meyers spoke on behalf of the Chassell Planning Commission. He stated that Mr. Spahn is a member of the Chassell Planning Commission and thanked him for his service. He also gave the board an update on what is happening in the Chassell community. He also thanked the school and students as a whole for being involved in the community with projects such as building bridges for the Chassell ski trail, making signs for the trail and the students being involved in helping to develop a new logo for Chassell through an art contest. Mr. Meyers stated that the commission is trying to secure grant funding to be used to reconstruct the warming hut at the trail head which is by the former outdoor ice rink next to the old school and if funds are secured, this would be a good project for our high school CTE students to work on. He would like to continue the wonderful relationship that the community planning commission and the school district have. Thank you.

Trevor Clark reported on the following: "I'm very pleased to announce that Chassell once again received high marks at the District Solo and Ensemble festival which was held on February 1 in Lake Linden." Scores are as follows:

- Grace Torola and Gracie Moyle – Duet – 2nd Division
- Gracie Moyle – Solo – 1st Division
- Amya Niemi and Lilyane Bellow – Duet – 1st Division
- Calvin Kytta – Solo – 1st Division
- Mason Loukus and Sydnee Voldarski – Duet – 1st Division
- Kolson Kytta – Solo – 1st Division
- Emma Goddard and Anna Jarvi – Duet – 2nd Division
- Emma Goddard – Solo – 1st Division
- Anna Jarvi – Solo – No Rating (5 seconds short of receiving a rating)

Congratulations to all who attended and performed. The district Band Festival will be held at Houghton High School on Thursday, February 27. Chassell performs at approximately 10:40 a.m.; admission is free.

Janie Huhta (senior class vice president) and Katie Huhta (senior class president) were at the meeting and Janie presented information about the proposed senior class trip. The students would like to take a Carnival cruise from Jacksonville, FL to Nassau Bahamas. The dates of their proposed trip are from Monday, May 18 through Saturday, May 23. The estimated cost for the cruise is three thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars (\$3,575.00) which is roughly two hundred eight six dollars per person (\$286.00) plus taxes. There are four girls, three boys and two chaperones (Josh and Maria Normand) scheduled to go on the trip. The class currently has six thousand eighty-three dollars in their account (\$6,083.00) and have at least three more fundraisers scheduled: Saykly's chocolates, a pasty sale and a can donation planned. The class still needs to figure out the transportation. They briefly searched on-line for airline flights from Detroit to FL and are also checking with the local travel agent. They believe they will have enough funds to secure flights and carpool to Detroit if need be. The class asked if they may have tentative approval to secure cruise tickets.

Hans Wienke, MEA UniServ Director spoke to the board about a union grievance. The Association was not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Three, so they plan to pursue the grievance to arbitration. Mr. Wienke dispersed written documentation to the board members.

Mary Markham stated that she and Josh Normand have scheduled the *1st Annual Science Fair* in Chassell. Instead of the students going to Michigan Tech and competing with several hundred students, our local students in grades 4th – 6th may compete here. The Science Fair will be held on Monday, March 16 from 5 PM – 7 PM and they will also do activities during 3rd hour which is from 10:01 AM – 10:51 AM. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Regular Board Meeting – January 20, 2020 – Randal Danison moved, seconded by Brady (B.J.) Tervo, to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2020, board meeting as presented. All board members voted AYE.

Treasurer's Report – Brady (B.J.) Tervo reported total revenues of \$1,091,704.23, Expenses of \$1,165,213.41, leaving a deficit Net Income balance of (\$73,509.18) for the period of July 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020.

The General Fund Cash & Investment Balance as of January 31, 2020 was \$447,633.61. Randal Danison moved, seconded by Suzanna Tuomi, to approve the treasurer's report, petty cash report, and to pay the January bills as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Tanya Etelamaki, B.J. Tervo, Randal Danison, Suzanna Tuomi, Roger Tervo.

NAYS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. District Solo and Ensemble honors have already been reported via guest comments.
- B. March is Reading month. The elementary will be kicking off the month with a Wake-Up and Read breakfast on March 3. Students are inviting parents and grandparents to come in for breakfast and reading. A bounce house event is being planned during the month along with many other activities. A calendar of events will be sent home with students from the elementary classes and also posted to our school website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance Committee – B.J. Tervo reported the committee had met on Thursday, January 30 and discussed the early college program and took a look at enrollment issues.

The committee feels there should be a sub-committee made up of elementary staff members, middle school staff members, high school staff members and a board member or two to look at the current enrollment losses. The district as a whole should figure out why we are losing middle school students and how can we retain them or encourage more to enroll.

As for the early college program. Preliminary numbers were shared to show the expenditure of the district per student. Further investigation needs to be done to see how other districts are reporting the students on the per pupil data report and see if they are charging families for part of the cost of the program. Further information will be shared with both the education and finance committees.

- B. Athletic Update – Marco Guidotti gave a brief report to the board. He spoke about the boys basketball tournament seeding. The local districts are seeded into two groups. Chassell will be in group two and Baraga will be in group one. Jeffers will be the host district for the boys tournament. The schedule should be released on Wednesday, March 4.

Marco also mentioned to the board that the athletic handbook is in need of an update. The athletic committee should schedule a meeting to start reviewing and updating the handbook as needed. This should be done before the end of the school year..

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. CCASB Award Recipient
Community Leadership Nomination due Wednesday, March 18
District award winners (student, employee & school service) due April 3

ACTION ITEMS

A. Senior Class Trip – Suzanna Tuomi moved, seconded by Randal Danison, to allow the senior class to continue planning for their senior class trip. Tentative approval was given for the students to purchase cruise tickets, however, the board would like them to plan to purchase airline tickets through the travel agent to secure the safest means of refund available in case of an emergency. Then depending on the departure location for flights, the students may need to make arrangements for transportation to the departure location. The trip members or class advisors should report back to the board next month with additional information regarding transportation. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

B. Second Draft Reading and Approval – Suzanna Tuomi moved, seconded by B.J. Tervo, to approve the second draft reading of the NEOLA policies Vol. 34, No. 1. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

- C. March board meeting will be on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Randal Danison moved, seconded by Brady (B.J.) Tervo, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: