

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

**March 16, 2020**

The Chassell Township School Board of Education met on Monday, March 16, 2020, in the school library. President Roger Tervo called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Present: B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Randal Danison, Suzanna Tuomi, Tanya Etelamaki, Carl Olson, Roger Tervo

Absent: Ken Kytta

Guests: Trevor Clark, Tricia Tervo, Tamara Pietila, Rebecca & Peter Torola, Bob Tuomi (6:00 p.m.)

Comments from guests:

- Tricia Tervo stated that the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Cyber Security presentation was postponed due to the State mandated school closure.
- Tricia Tervo also stated that Physic students from Baraga and Chassell have been fundraising for two years so they could take their every other year trip to the Fermi Lab and Great America in Gurnee, Illinois. The two classes were originally scheduled to leave May 15 after school, however, they may need to postpone the trip until June depending on the COVID 19 situation. Mrs. Tervo was wondering if there would be any issues if the students planned to take the trip after the regular school year was complete. Board members had no problems with the trip after school.

Regular Board Meeting – February 17, 2020 – B.J. Tervo moved, seconded by Suzanna Tuomi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 17, 2020. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Treasurer's Report - B.J. Tervo reported an Income of \$1,274,374.68 and Expenses of \$1,414,150.27 leaving a deficit Net Income balance of (\$139,775.59).

The General Fund Cash & Investment Balance as of February 28, 2020, was \$438,645.22.

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

AYES: B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Randal Danison, Suzanna Tuomi, Tanya Etelamaki, Carl Olson, Roger Tervo

NAYS: None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Administrative Items

1. Basketball Awards:

- Copper Mountain Conference – Girls' Basketball 2019-20
  - Copper Mountain Conference Elite Team – Paige Sleeman (Sophomore)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Copper Country Division – Paige Sleeman (Sophomore)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Copper Country Division – Maelene Warren (Junior)
  - Honorable Mention Copper Country Division – Alia Palosaari (Junior)

2. Basketball Awards:

- Copper Mountain Conference – Boys Basketball 2019-20
  - Copper Mountain Conference Elite Team – Bill Rautiola (Senior)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Copper Country Division – Bill Rautiola (Senior) and Karl Rautiola (Sophomore)
  - Honorable Mention Copper Country Division – Dean Pietila (Junior)

3. Covid 19 Update –

- Lunches – the district has sent out an email to CTS families inquiring if there was a need for meals during the State mandated closure. Families are contacting the superintendent and meals will be available for pick up on Wednesday, March 18 for the first week. The week of (March 23-27) no meals are being offered as this was a regularly scheduled break from school, however meals will be offered during week 3 (March 30-April 3)
- Academics – the district has been informed that the district may provide homework for students during the 3 week hiatus, however, the district cannot force teachers to come in to gather the work nor can the district make students complete the work. The school work will not be graded.
- Students in the early college program through Gogebic Community College will be taking classes on-line for the remainder of the semester.
- Worked based learning for high school students have ceased until further notice.
- Employee Pay – the direction that most school districts in our area are taking, is to pay the support staff or non-contractual staff as if they were working normal shifts. Teachers will be paid according to their union contract.
- CDC Statement – Superintendent Spahn reported the latest from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (Stay home, stay safe)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. CCASB – Is currently on hold. Area wide nominations may be forwarded to Loret Roberts. The local awards banquet has been cancelled for this year. School districts may send their award recipient names to Loret by April 3.
- B. Athletic Committee – Randal Danison stated the committee had met on Monday, March 9 at 5:15 p.m. Committee members present were Randal Danison, Tanya Etelamaki, Marco Guidotti and Steve Spahn. Guests: Jill Tervo. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss changes to the athletic handbook and discuss the athletic code of conduct.
- C. Finance Committee – The finance committee that was scheduled for Thursday, March 12 was postponed.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Senior Class Trip – on hold as of now.
- B. Staffing – Two veteran teachers are retiring this year. Once their resignations are approved the board stated that superintendent Spahn may post their positions.

### ACTION ITEMS

- A. Senior Class Trip – The senior class trip has been postponed at this time.
- B. Non-Contractual Personnel – Carl Olson moved, seconded by Randal Danison, to approve pay for the non-contractual personnel through Monday, April 6, 2020, which is when the State order is to expire that Governor Whitmer put in place. Motion carried on a roll call vote:  
  
AYES: B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Randal Danison, Suzanna Tuomi, Tanya Etelamaki, Carl Olson, Roger Tervo.
- C. Resignation Sue Hietala – Carl Olson moved, seconded by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, to accept with regret the resignation of Sue Hietala as an elementary teacher. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

- D. Resignation Mary Markham– Carl Olson moved, seconded by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, to accept with regret the resignation of Mary Markham as a high school math/science teacher. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- E. 5<sup>th</sup> Year - Tenure – Carl Olson moved, seconded by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, to grant 5<sup>th</sup> year tenure to Sarah Guidotti. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- F. 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Probation – Carl Olson moved, seconded by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, to grant 3<sup>rd</sup> year probation to Trevor Clark. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- G. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Probation – Carl Olson moved, seconded by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, to grant 2<sup>nd</sup> year probation to Amanda Andress. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Probation – Carl Olson moved, seconded by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, to grant 2<sup>nd</sup> year probation to Josh Normand. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- I. 1<sup>st</sup> Year Probation – Carl Olson moved, seconded by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, to grant 1<sup>st</sup> year probation to Beth Squires. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- J. 1<sup>st</sup> Year Probation – Carl Olson moved, seconded by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, to grant 1<sup>st</sup> year probation to Karen Valentine. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- K. The April board meeting will be Monday, April 20, 2020, at 5:30 p.m..

Randal Danison moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: