

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

**April 20, 2020**

The Chassell Township School Board of Education met on Monday, April 20, 2020, via Zoom. President Roger Tervo called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

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

Absent: Carl Olson

Guests: Tricia Tervo, Tamara Pietila, Trevor Clark

**Guests**

Tricia Tervo reported that she is working on making sure that students have mental health supports available to them during this pandemic.

Tamara Pietila inquired about unemployment benefits. She was wondering why Lamers was suggesting that bus drivers apply for unemployment while Chassell Township Schools was continuing to pay third party contractors through WillSub. (More discussion regarding third party contractor pay under the committee reports).

Regular Board Meeting – March 16, 2020 – Randal Danison moved, seconded by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 16, 2020 as presented. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Treasurer's Report - B.J. (Brady) Tervo reported an Income of \$1,456,789.25 and Expenses of \$1,630,934.49 leaving a deficit Net Income balance of (\$174,145.24).

The General Fund Cash & Investment Balance as of March 31, 2020, was \$395,284.30.

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

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

NAYS: None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Administrative Items:

The Continuity of Learning Plan has been approved and is in place. (Copy provided on the web page)

- a. Parents picked up materials and chromebooks; close to 50.
- b. Teachers are monitoring student progress and teaching from home.
- c. Google Calendar has been set up to avoid too many online meetings at the same time.
- d. Fifty-four students are being fed each week; varying from sixteen to seventeen families.
- e. 31 Backpacks made a huge donation of home goods items: ie, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towel, etc.

- Local CCASB Award Recipients:
  - Student Leadership - Shannon Rantamaki
  - School Service - Paulette Archambeau
  - Employee - Amanda Andress
  
- Class of 2020:
  - Valedictorian - Bill Rautiola
  - Salutatorian - Ginny Hyypio
  - Honor Students - 7 out of 14 class members
  
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week: May 4 through May 8. Thank you to all employees, you are appreciated every day. (Event canceled this year)
- Country Western Show: (Canceled)
- Spring Band Concert – (Canceled)
- Senior Class Trip – (Unknown)
- Camp Nesbit – (Unknown - may be next Fall)
- Physics Trip – (Unknown – may go later this summer or plan next fall or Spring). There is one senior that was eligible to go on the trip this year and Mrs. Tervo will invite that student when the trip is being planned.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. CCASB Winter Program & Open House – The CCASB winter program and open house were canceled this year.
  
- B. Personnel Committee – The personnel committee met on Wednesday, April 22 at noon to discuss third party contract personnel members. The district currently has nine third party contract personnel members. The opinion received from Thrun Law Firm stated the following: “if you continue to pay third party contract personnel for hours they are not working the district could run into problems with the personnel members being dual employees and that could cause a lot of problems with regard to payroll taxes, retirement, etc. The Executive Order signed by the governor stated that districts must keep paying their **employees**. So if the district continues to pay people who are third party contract personnel the district is saying they are also employees of the district and therefore should be paid through the district.”

The recommendation of the personnel committee was to inform the third party contract personnel that they should begin the unemployment process.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Lamers Bus Lines – The local school districts have been contacted by Lamers Bus Lines and asked to pay eighty percent of their current contracts for the remainder of this 2019-2020 school year. The local superintendents will be discussing this topic at their next superintendent’s roundtable meeting.

## ACTION ITEMS

- A. Apply for Unemployment – The direction given to Tamara Pietila with regard to third party contractor pay was to start the unemployment process.

- B. No more action items.
- C. May Board Meeting – The May board meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Randal Danison, to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: