

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
Board of Education
Regular Meeting

November 9, 2020

The Chassell Township School Board of Education met on Monday, November 9, 2020, in the library. President Roger Tervo called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

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

Absent: Carl Olson

Guests: Trevor Clark, Tricia Tervo, Tamara Pietila, Rebecca and Peter Torola, Kara LaTendresse (5:40 p.m.)

Guests – No comments at this time.

Regular Board Meeting – October 19, 2020 – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Randal Danison, to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2020, board meeting as presented. All board members voted AYE.

Treasurer's Report – B.J. Tervo reported total revenues of \$564,713.87, Expenses of \$458,364.91, leaving a Net Income balance of \$106,348.96 for the period of July 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020.

The General Fund Cash & Investment Balance as of October 31, 2020 was \$787,976.49. Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Randal Danison, to approve the treasurer's report, petty cash report, and to pay the October bills as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Student Population – the school year started out with an attendance of 252 students (12 home school students; 16 students attending through virtual learning and 224 students' in-person). Since then there has been some shifting and changes. Attendance currently is 243 students (18 home school students; 32 students attending through virtual learning and 193 students' in-person).
- B. Camera Installation – was recently completed in the gym. Thank you to the sports booster for purchasing the new camera system. Athletic events will now be livestreamed. Information will be forthcoming regarding how to access the athletic events.
- C. Voice of Democracy – winners were announced:
 - (1st Place) Amya Niemi – Freshman
 - (2nd Place) Shannon Torola – Sophomore
 - (3rd Place) Quentin Niemi – Sophomore

Patriots Pen – winners were announced:

- (1st Place) Owen Turpeinen – 6th Grade
- (3rd Place) Ella Hermanson – 6th Grade

D. Volleyball Awards:

- Copper Mountain Conference Elite Team Member: Maelene Warren
- Copper Country Division 1st Team: Maelene Warren & Madisyn Holombo
- Copper Country Division 2nd Team: Alia Palosaari
- Honorable Mention: Trisha Pietila

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Education Committee – B.J. (Brady) Tervo reported the committee had met on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 4 p.m. with John Vaara from NEOLA to review the new Title IX regulations which became effective on August 14, 2020.

One of the most significant changes is the elimination of the “single investigator” model and the establishment of four key roles in the Title IX “grievance process”. The four key roles are:

- Title IX Coordinator
- Investigator
- Decision-maker
- Appeals Officer

Schools must specifically designate a Title IX Coordinator(s) and prominently display that person’s name and contact information on the school’s website and in any student or employee handbooks. The roles of investigator, decision-maker, and appeals officer must be held by different people in any given Title IX investigation.

Only the Title IX Coordinator must be a school employee. Other key roles may be performed by employees of another local district, an intermediate school district, attorneys, private investigators, or other properly trained outside parties. The recommendation from Thrun Law Firm was to confirm that each person serving in a key role is appropriately trained as required by the new regulations.

Although the Title IX Coordinator cannot serve as the decision-maker or appeals officer, the Title IX Coordinator may serve as the investigator as long as there is not a conflict of interest.

People who serve as investigator, decision-maker, and appeals officer should be determined on a case-by-case basis when a formal complaint is received.

Board members are not expressly prohibited from serving as a decision-maker or appeals officer, however, Thrun Law Firm advises against board members involvement as it could be viewed as a conflict of interest as board members may be privy to confidential information.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. (CEPI COVID-19 Learning Plan) – Has there been any changes in the mode of instructional delivery since last month? (In-person; Remote/Virtual; Hybrid)

ACTION ITEMS

- A. (*Second Reading*) – Adoption NEOLA Policies – Suzanna Tuomi moved, seconded by Randal Danison, to accept the second draft reading and adoption of the NEOLA policies Vol. 34 No. 2, as presented. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

B. December board meeting will be on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Randal Danison, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: