

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
Board of Education
Regular Meeting

November 8, 2021

The Chassell Township School Board of Education met on Monday, November 8, 2021. President Randal Danison called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Randal Danison, Roger Tervo, B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Tanya Etelamaki, Ken Kytta, Peter Torola, Carl Olson

Absent: None

Guests: Tricia Tervo, Trevor Clark, Rebecca Torola, Sarah & Marco Guidotti, Angela Danison (5:55 p.m.)

Guests

- Mrs. Tervo spoke to the board about the possibility of raising money for the semi-annual Physics trip to Six Flags Great America in Chicago, Illinois and the Fermilab in Kane County, Illinois. The Chassell physics class usually travels with students from Baraga and Munising.
- Mrs. Tervo also shared with the board that the 8th grade class will be attending a day long event at MTU on Friday, December 3, that will be sponsored by a grant entitled “Gear Up” (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs). Students will enjoy various activities all day long. Mr. Schuldt will be accompanying the class to MTU.
- Mr. Clark spoke to the board about the possibility of a band trip this spring as the last trip that the band took was three years ago. Also, he stated there will be five students attending Honors Band at Northern Michigan University on Friday, December 3, 2021, which is a great honor.
- Athletic Updates: (1) The new sound system has arrived and been installed. (2) The white jerseys have been ordered for the Varsity Girls Basketball team. (3) Elijah Soumis will be coaching the JV Boys Basketball team.

Regular Board Meeting – October 18, 2021 and Special Board Meeting - October 28, 2021 – Tanya Etelamaki moved, seconded by Roger Tervo, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 18, 2021 and the special meeting on October 28, 2021. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Treasurer's Report – No report this month; however, Roger Tervo moved, seconded by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, to approve the petty cash report, and to pay the October bills by the end of the week since the board meeting was moved to one week earlier than originally scheduled. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Peter Torola, B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Carl Olson, Ken Kytta, Roger Tervo, Tanya Etelamaki, Randal Danison

NAYS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Covid Policy - Touching base regarding the policy. Does the board want to make changes? After a brief discussion - the consensus of the board was “each family to make their own choices”.

- B. Update Re: Administration - Marco will be transitioning into the administration position after Thanksgiving. A new special education teacher will be hired; Senia Kuntze will transition into secondary social studies/geography and therefore, Marco Guidotti will transition into admin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. CCASB Update – Randal Danison stated that the CCASB board met on October 20. Highlights as follows: There will be a Legislative Gathering at the ISD in early December. The winter program will be held at Stanton Township School this year on February 16. The awards banquet will be held at the Bonfire on April 27; and new board member training will be sometime in January 2022. Dues will be assessed at \$50.00 this year. .

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. School Van - B.J. (Brady) Tervo gave an update on vehicles that were available locally within the budget of \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. After a brief discussion by board members, consensus was to go ahead with the purchase of the 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan XT from Keweenaw Chevrolet. B.J. Tervo will follow up.
- B. Wrap up discussion from last month's board meeting. As to the question from guests if there would be any action taken toward an elected board member; the board member is an elected official of the township and no action will be taken at the board level. Action would occur during an election event; either re-elect the official or not.
- C. Public comment by board member Carl Olson - he stated that the co-athletic directors Kara LaTendresse and Jomarie Wakeham have done an outstanding job through all the ups and downs of the past year with all that the district has gone through. Thank you very much for your dedication and passion for the position. It is very much appreciated.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Semi-Annual Physics Trip - Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Tanya Etelamaki, to approve the Physics class to fundraise for their semi-annual Physics trip to Chicago, Il to the Six Flags Great America Park and Fermilab in Kane County, Il. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- B. Band Trip - Carl Olson moved, seconded by Roger Tervo, to approve the middle school/high school band to plan for a band trip this spring. The last band trip was taken three years ago. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- C. School Van - Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to go ahead with the purchase of 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan XT from Keweenaw Chevrolet. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Peter Torola, B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Carl Olson, Ken Kytta, Roger Tervo, Tanya Etelamaki, Randal Danison
NAYS: None
- D. Hire - Secondary Social Studies/Geography Teacher - Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to hire Senia Kuntze to replace Marco Guidotti as a secondary social studies/geography teacher. Motion carried with all board members voting AYE.
- E. Post for a Full-Time and Part-Time Special Education Teacher – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to post for a full-time and a part-time special education teacher since Senia Kuntze will be moving to a new position. Motion carried with all board members voting AYE.

- F. Hire - Library Aide - Tanya Etelamaki moved, seconded by Ken Kytta, to hire Nora Olson as the new library aide. Two applicants applied and subsequently one removed themselves from the pool. Mrs. Olson will be hired through ESS-WillSub, the school district third party contractor at a pay rate according to the established parapro/aide wage schedule. Motion carried on a roll call vote:
- G. AYES: Peter Torola, B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Ken Kytta, Roger Tervo, Tanya Etelamaki, Randal Danison.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Carl Olson (Nora is Carl's spouse).
- H. Severance Pay - Library Aide - Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Roger Tervo, to pay a two week severance pay to Dan Wenberg. Motion carried on a roll call vote:
- AYES: Peter Torola, B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Ken Kytta, Roger Tervo, Tanya Etelamaki, Randal Danison.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Carl Olson (Nora is Carl's spouse).
- I. L-4029 - 2021 Tax Rate Request - Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Roger Tervo, to approve the L-4029 - 2021 Tax Rate Request form as presented (attached). Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- J. Wage Adjustment - K-12 Principal Secretary (Holly O'Connor) - Carl Olson moved, seconded by Ken Kytta, to approve the wage adjustment from \$14.30 to \$14.75 for the K-12 Principal Secretary (Holly O'Connor). Motion carried on a roll call vote:
- AYES: Peter Torola, B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Carl Olson, Ken Kytta, Roger Tervo, Tanya Etelamaki, Randal Danison
NAYS: None
- K. Wage Adjustment - Title I Aide (Joemarie Wakeham) - Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Tanya Etelamaki, to approve the wage adjustment from \$13.00 to \$13.40 for the Title I Aide (Joemarie Wakeham). Motion carried on a roll call vote:
- AYES: Peter Torola, B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Carl Olson, Ken Kytta, Roger Tervo, Tanya Etelamaki, Randal Danison
NAYS: None.
- L. Wage Adjustment - Food Service Department - Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to approve the wage adjustment for the food service department as follows:
Head Cook - Belinda Maki \$14.30 to \$14.75
Assistant - Polly Sue Goddard \$12.25 to \$12.50
Assistant - Amanda Campbell \$10.75 to \$11.40 (Step 3)
- M. December Board Meeting - Date Change – The December board meeting will be moved to Monday, December 13 at 5:30 PM in the school library.

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Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Roger Tervo, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: