

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
Board of Education
Regular Meeting

February 21, 2022

The Chassell Township School Board of Education met on Monday, February 21, 2022. President Randal Danison called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

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

Absent: Carl Olson

Guests: Tricia Tervo, Sarah Sohlden, Jon Marshall, Sarah Guidotti, Tamara Pietila

Guests

Tanya Etelamaki (speaking as a parent) wanted to express her thank you for the extra effort made by Sarah Guidotti to bring back the homecoming dance as part of the student council activities. Her daughter and friends especially enjoyed having a homecoming dance.

Tricia Tervo wanted to express her thank you and appreciation to all the staff that were involved in the winter festival which was a huge success and the extra effort and work put into the PBIS program. It seems to be making a difference.

Regular Board Meeting – January 17, 2022 – Peter Torola moved, seconded by Ken Kytta, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 17, 2021 with an update on bullet two with the statement reading “revoked due to a conflict of interest” (updated). Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Treasurer's Report – B.J. (Brady) Tervo reported an Income of \$626,946.77, Expenses of \$1,281,958.79, leaving a deficit Net Income balance of (\$655,012.02).

The General Fund Cash & Investment Balance as of January 31, 2022, was \$375,195.97.

Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Peter Torola, to pay the January bills as submitted. (Note: no Petty Cash report this month). Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Ken Kytta, Peter Torola, B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Roger Tervo, Tanya Etelamaki, Randal Danison
NAYS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Marco Guidotti has been working on a Benchmark Assessment Report and once completed, the document will be posted on the school website. One item he can report on is the progress in Reading goals which says a lot about our elementary teachers. Congratulations in that achievement.
- B. CCASB Awards
 - Community Leadership Award – district nomination due March 18, 2022
 - Student, Employee and School Service Awards due April 1, 2022
 - Awards Program/Dinner – Bonfire – April 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
- C. School Therapy Dog – Marco Guidotti asked the board if they would be opposed to the idea of having a school therapy dog. Several other local districts have adopted animals to use in their schools. Marco will do some more investigating, however he believes the other districts may be working with Superiorland Pet Partners from Ishpeming as far as training, etc.

- D. Driver's Ed Instructor Training – Paul Dube finally got back to Mr. Guidotti regarding the next training opportunity for driver's education instructors. The next class will be the beginning of April. Chris Schuldt is interested in becoming an instructor.
- E. Bond Proposal – The next two dates for having a bond proposal on a local ballot would be November 2022 or May 2023. To have something on the November ballot, it must be approved at our June 2022 meeting. To have something on the May ballot, it must be approved at the December 2022 or January 2023 meeting. The recommendation of the board was to have a proposal on the November 2022 ballot. Mr. Guidotti will contact the Thrun Law Firm.
- F. Boiler Update – The recommendation of the board was to hire Thrun Law Firm to do an RFP for replacement boilers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel Committee - Met on February 16, 2022, to discuss the various upcoming positions that the district may have available.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Stipend Positions: (A) 504 Coordinator - \$500.00; (B) Testing Coordinator - \$500.00 per half year, \$1,000.00 per full year; (c) PBIS Coordinator - \$500.00 per Elementary, \$500.00 per High School coordinator (\$1,000.00 total).
- B. Part-Time Special Education Teacher – The district is currently out of compliance due to the student load utilizing special education services. The position has been posted, however no applicants have applied as of yet.
- C. Additional Elementary Paraprofessional – The district has received ESSER funds due to the COVID pandemic. Those funds may be used for staffing. There is a need to have an additional staff member to work as a paraprofessional in the elementary department for the remainder of this year. Administration will reassess that situation again at the end of this school year.
- D. Support Staff/Paraprofessional Pay Grid – Mr. Guidotti is in the process of realigning the support staff/paraprofessional pay grid to align with some of the new hire positions that transpired this year and the ultimate raise of wages due to the pandemic. The pay grid will be brought to the finance and/or personnel committee prior to presenting to the board.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. RFP Boiler Replacement – Roger Tervo moved, seconded by Ken Kytta, to authorize Mr. Guidotti to hire Thrun Law Firm to create an RFP for boiler replacements. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Ken Kytta, Peter Torola, B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Roger Tervo, Tanya Etelamaki, Randal Danison
Nays: None

- B. Stipend Positions – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Tanya Etelamaki, to authorize the following stipend positions: (A) 504 Coordinator - \$500.00; (B) Testing Coordinator - \$500.00 per half year, \$1,000.00 per full year; (c) PBIS Coordinator - \$500.00 per Elementary, \$500.00 per High School coordinator (\$1,000.00 total). Motion carried on a roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

- C. Resignation – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Tanya Etelamaki, to accept with regret the resignation of Trevor Clark as the K-12 Music/Band Teacher. Mr. Clark has taken an administrative position in a school district near his hometown. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

- D. New Hire – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Tanya Etelamaki, to hire Paris Puuri as the new K-12 Music/Band Teacher. Currently Ms. Puuri is working at Watersmeet Township Schools. She will begin in Chassell on Monday, March 7, 2022. Ms. Puuri will be paid according to the CCEA Bargaining Agreement; she will begin on Step 1. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

- E. Superintendent/Principal Contract – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Tanya Etelamaki, to approve the superintendent/principal contract with the salary of \$90,000.00 for the 2022-2023 school year. The contract runs from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Ken Kytta, Peter Torola, Roger Tervo, Tanya Etelamaki, Randal Danison

NAYS: B.J. (Brady) Tervo

- F. The next board meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. in the school library.

Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Tanya Etelamaki, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: