October 20, 2025
Chassell, MI 49916
Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Chassell Township Schools' Board of Education was held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025, in the Chassell Township School Library.

President, Peter Torola called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call showed the following in attendance: Peter Torola, President; Heather Murphy, Vice President; B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Treasurer; Tanya Etelamaki, Secretary; Mark Smith, Trustee, Carl Olson, Trustee; Randal Danison, Trustee. Also, in attendance were Marco Guidotti, Superintendent/K-5 Principal; Tricia Tervo, MS/HS Principal; Tara Arens, District Secretary/Athletic Director.

On a motion by Mark Smith and supported by Tanya Etelamaki, the board adopted the agenda as presented. Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

On a motion by Heather Murphy and supported by Tanya Etelamaki, the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 16, 2025, were adopted as presented. Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

Recognize any Individual or group wishing to address the Board of Education:

a. Tyrel and Leanna Kuenzel were in attendance

Treasurer's Report:

1. Approval of Financial Reports and Payment of Bills, as presented.
   a. General Fund Abstentions:
   b. Food Service Abstentions:
   c. Petty Cash Fund Abstentions:

On a motion by Carl Olson, supported by Randal Danison, the Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills were approved as presented. Roll Call Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:
Mr. Guidotti: Shared a note of thanks to the Chassell Fire Department for visiting our school and facilitating fire prevention presentations for our elementary classes.

- Mr. Guidotti provided an update on the Filter First grant and possible expenditures. We're working with local businesses on purchasing filtered bottle fill stations/drinking fountains to enhance access around the building.

Mrs. Tervo provided an update regarding:

- Green Bandana Project
  - Currently in 5 area schools
  - Andy Kalcich is the lead
  - Chassell- 12 students on the team (with Andy Kalcich, Casana Ryynanen, Marco Guidotti, Tricia Tervo, Beth Hillstrom, and Tara Arens)
  - Purpose: Raise awareness of mental health resources; promoting help-seeking behaviors amongst students [Trained students carry a green bandana and wrist band as a symbol that they are a safe person for peers to reach out to for support and for assistance in connecting with adults who can help.]
- Chief Science Officer Program
  - Funding was cut in state budget
  - Our participating students are planning to continue their "STEM-onstrations" program in the elementary classrooms
- Technology Grant ($20K)
  - Wrapped up in September- remaining money purchased a 4-color 3D printer for the 4th grade classroom, the STEAM classroom, and the STEM lab
- Enrollment
  - 3 new students since last board meeting
  - Positive feedback from new families
- Collaboration with other districts
  - Battle of the Bays upcoming 10/24/25 with Dollar Bay (in Chassell)
- Attendance initiative
  - Tricia has been attending a 4-part workshop
  - Research is compelling for all schools having a deliberate attendance initiative
  - Working on putting the team together here

- Professional Development
    - Special Education Conference, Escanaba, 10/24/25 [Sydney Harmon, Ryan Witting, Tricia Tervo will attend.]

Action/Discussion Items:
New Hire
On a motion by B.J. Tervo supported by Carl Olson, to hire Elizabeth McCloskey as a Building Sub/Paraprofessional. Vote 7-0. Motion carried.
New Hire
On a motion by B.J. Tervo supported by Carl Olson, to hire Danica Ryynanen as the JV Boys Basketball Coach. Vote 7-0. Motion carried.
New Hire
On a motion by B.J. Tervo supported by Carl Olson, to hire Bridget Tikka as a Building Aide. Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

Committee Meetings
No Meetings.

Future Planning
The next regular monthly meeting of the Chassell Township Schools' Board of Education will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2025, in the Chassell Township School Library.

Adjournment
On a motion by Mark Smith and supported by Carl Olson, the board adjourned at 5:50 p.m. Vote 7-0. Motion Carried.

Signed:

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Board Secretary

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Board President