September 28, 2026
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, September 28, 2026, in the Chassell Township School Library.

President, Peter Torola called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Roll call showed the following in attendance: Peter Torola, President; B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Treasurer; Tanya Etelamaki, Secretary; Mark Smith, Trustee. Also, in attendance were Marco Guidotti, Superintendent/K-5 Principal; Tricia Tervo, MS/HS Principal. Not in Attendance: Heather Murphy, Vice President; Randal Danison, Trustee; Carl Olson, Trustee; Tara Arens, District Secretary.

On a motion by Mark Smith and supported by Heather Murphy, the board adopted the agenda as presented.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

On a motion by Mark Smith and supported by BJ Tervo the minutes of the regular board meeting held on August 17, 2026, were adopted as presented.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Recognize any Individual or group wishing to address the Board of Education: None.

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 Mark Smith, supported by BJ Tervo, the Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills were approved as presented. Roll Call Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Tervo:

a. Executive summary

i. Master Schedule

1. Band co-op going well
2. Family engagement- Veronykah Shafer and Jomarie Wakeham attended a training at the CCISD in the roles of family engagement champions. Chris Schuldt attended pre-school PD to present to the staff on family engagement and the InPACT program (building in movement breaks during the school day). He had an information table at the Open House in August for parents as well.

ii. Activities

1. After-school Creative CLAWS Club will start on Wednesday, October 14, 2026. It will run every Wednesday from 3:30-5:00. Thanks again to the Keweenaw Health Foundation, Chassell Lions Club, and Chassell Women's Club for supporting this endeavor.
2. Kevi Morse assembly for grades 6-12 was held last Friday, September 25, 2026. He had a message of positivity and hope that appeared to resonate with our students in a big way. Thanks to Kevi for traveling to the Upper Peninsula to share his message with our students.

Mr. Guidotti:

a. Marco gave an audit report and a final budget report. Looked to be on a favorable end. Thanks to the staff for a smooth start to the school year. Special shout out to elementary staff on Spring MStep scores in math. Grade 3: state average 42.9%, ISD average 51.9%, Chassell 62.5% of students at proficient and advanced; Grade 4: 39.4% state average, 50.3% ISD average, Chassell 69.2% of students at proficient and advanced (highest % in 3-4th in the ISD in math)

b. Events:

i. Fall sports are underway and going well

ii. Fall event (Oct 23 and 24); Friday October 23 is a half day with the morning being Battle of Bays fun competitive event with DBTC students; The afternoon is PD for staff; Friday evening, 10/23, family engagement event- including pumpkin drop, haunted story trail, etc.; Saturday, 10/24 will be a Fall Craft Show hosted by the Robotics club.

iii. Marco and BJ ran the CCASB board meeting Wednesday, September 23, 2026, held at the CCISD; Election of officers; Meeting schedule; New board member orientation discussion; Potential legislative gathering; Awards dinner will be hosted by Chassell board in the spring

iv. DP will no longer service snow removal. Looking for solution

Action/Discussion Items:

New Hire

On a motion by BJ Tervo, supported by Mark Smith, to hire Kallyn Kangas as Food Service Aide.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

New Hire

On a motion by BJ Tervo, supported by Mark Smith, to hire Tallan Pietrykowski as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Committee Meetings

No Committee Reports.

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, October 19, 2026, in the Chassell Township School Library.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mark Smith, supported by Tanya Etelamaki, the board adjourned at 5:58 p.m.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Signed:

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Board Secretary

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Board President