

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
Board of Education
Regular Meeting

November 18, 2024

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Chassell Township School Board of Education met on Monday, November 18 in the school library. President Peter Torola called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance

Present: President, Peter Torola; Vice-President, Heather Murphy, Treasurer, B.J. (Brady) Tervo; Secretary, Tanya Etelamaki, Trustee, Randal Danison, Carl Olson, Mark Smith

Absent: None

Administration: Marco Guidotti, Tricia Tervo, Jennifer Marshall (Recording Secretary)

Guests: Leanna and Tyrel Kuenzel; Sarah Hoekstra, Sarah Guidotti, Senia Kuntze and senior class trip members: Lily Etelamaki, Paige Danison and Meghan Holombo

Approval of Current Agenda

Tanya Etelamaki moved, seconded by Mark Smith, to approve the current agenda as presented. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Guests

The senior class trip members: Lily Etelamaki, Paige Danison and Megan Holombo had a presentation for the board.

The class would like to travel to the Outer Banks, North Carolina from May 21 to May 25, 2025. The advisors/chaperones for the class would be Mrs. Senia Kuntze and Mr. Chris Schuldt. Educational factors that the students plan to pursue include the following: Wright Brothers National Museum; North Carolina Aquarium; use their skills from the "Domestic Arts" class to cook while staying in an Airbnb; tour several lighthouses around North Carolina. The class will fly out of Green Bay, WI into Norfolk, VA. Round trip tickets are currently running about \$440.00 each. Once in Virginia, the class will rent one minivan and one car to travel from Norfolk, Virginia to Outer Banks. Flights will be taken through Delta airlines. Lodging will be in an Airbnb. Currently the class has narrowed down their options and will finalize their choice upon approval from the board. Nine out of 13 class members plan to participate in the class trip.

The class trip members would like approval to go ahead and purchase airline tickets and put a deposit down on the Airbnb before prices go up.

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Mark Smith moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 21, 2024. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Treasurer's Report

B.J. (Brady) Tervo reported an Income of \$582684.75, Expenses of \$719,578.34, leaving a deficit Net Income balance of (\$136,893.59).

The General Fund Cash & Investment Balance as of October 31, 2024, was \$621,218.48.

Carl Olson moved, seconded by Mark Smith, to pay the October bills as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Tanya Etelamaki, Randal Danison, B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Mark Smith, Carl Olson, Heather Murphy, Peter Torola

NAYS: None

Administrative Items

Superintendent Marco Guidotti reported on the following:

- A. Mr. Guidotti reported on the following upcoming school events:
 - Chassell's Old Fashioned Christmas – December 12-13; this will include the annual Craft Fair Market held at the school; Community Tree decorating at Centennial Park; Live Nativity Scene at the VFW; the Elementary Concert on Friday, December 12 at 10:15 AM
 - PATT Meeting this Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ 6 PM
- B. The policy update meeting held with NEOLA was on Wednesday, November 6. Please refer to the committee report for further updates.
- C. The parent/teacher conferences were held on November 7; along with a pasty fundraiser for PBIS during the event.
- D. The "Filter First Grant" application was just completed by Mr. Norm Thomas and Mr. Guidotti and sent to the state. If approved the district will be able to install more bottle filling water stations and put filters on sinks that double as handwashing and drinking fountains.
- E. Conference/State Honors for Fall Sports

Cross Country

CMC Most Valuable Runner

Kalvin Kytta

First Team All-Conference (CMC)

Sylvia Aho

Second Team All-Conference (CMC)

Lily Etelamaki and Jordan Holombo

All-State

Kalvin Kytta – Division 3 Individual Champion and U.P. Dream Team

Sylvia Aho – 5th Place (D3 race)

All-UP

Paige Danison – 19th place overall U.P, Finals

Lily Etelamaki – 24th place overall U.P. Finals

Volleyball

CMC Honorable Mention

Dusty Lippold

MS/HS Principal – Guidance Counselor – Tricia Tervo:

- A. The annual Veteran's Day program was held on Monday, November 11 at 10 AM in the school gymnasium. Kyle Maki was the guest speaker. Thank you to Mr. Schuldts and the seventh grade service learning students for a wonderful program. The veteran's joined the students for a luncheon after the program.
- B. Honors band performances will be held at NMU during the weekend of December 6-7. Four students will be attending the event with Mrs. Kari Noll.

Committee Reports

- A. Policy Committee – The committee members met on Wednesday, November 6 @ 4 PM with John Vaara from NEOLA to go over NEOLA – Vol. 39, No. 1. None of the committee members had any comments to make with major changes in the updates.

Discussion Items

- A. The superintendent evaluation will be done during the month of December.

Action Items

A. Carl Olson moved, seconded by Randal Danison, to allow the senior class trip members to purchase airline tickets and put a deposit down for the Airbnb for the senior class trip to Outer Banks, North Carolina during May 21 through May 25, 2025. Motion carried with all members voting AYE

B. Tanya Etelamaki moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to hire Amy Zimmer as long term sub in 2nd grade while Mrs. Emily Tervo is on maternity leave. Mrs. Zimmer will be paid through ESS WillSub as a contract employee. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

C. Tanya Etelamaki moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to hire Kurt Larson as the J.H. Boys Basketball coach. Mr. Larson will be paid through ESS WillSub as a contract employee. Wages to be paid according to the Schedule B wage scale in the CEA mast agreement. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Tanya Etelamaki, Randal Danison, B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Mark Smith, Carl Olson, Heather Murphy, Peter Torola

NAYS: None

D. Tanya Etelamaki moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to accept the resignation, with regret, from Faith Hyrkas, as Preschool Director. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

E. Tanya Etelamaki moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to approve the title change for Jennie Corrigan to Preschool Director with no pay adjustment. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

F. Carl Olson moved, seconded by Mark Smith, to approve the Summer Tax resolution 2024 and set the Summer Tax Levy at 100% of annual school property taxes. (Resolution attached). Motion carried with all board members voting AYE.

G. Tanya Etelamaki moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to approve the first draft reading of NEOLA – Vol. 39, No. 1. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

H. December board meeting – After a brief discussion, Carl Olson moved, seconded by Mark Smith, to move the regular board meeting in December to Tuesday, December 17 @ 5:30 PM in the School Library. (Carl Olson will be traveling home from North Dakota on Monday, December 16). Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

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Carl Olson moved, seconded by Tanya Etelamaki, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: