February 16, 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, February 16, 2026, 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; B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Treasurer; Tanya Etelamaki, Secretary; Mark Smith, Trustee, Randal Danison, Trustee; Carl Olson, Trustee. Also, in attendance were Marco Guidotti, Superintendent/K-5 Principal; Tricia Tervo, MS/HS Principal; Tara Arens, District Secretary/Athletic Director. Not in Attendance: Heather Murphy, Vice President.

On a motion by Mark Smith and supported by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, the board adopted the agenda with amendment under Action/Discussion Items, added: 2025-2026 LOA – CEA/CTS School Board – Insurance Premium Under Hard Cap
Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

On a motion by Mark Smith and supported by Randal Danison, the minutes of the regular board meeting held on February 16, 2026, were adopted as presented. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

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

a. Leanna and Tyrel Kuenzel – no comment
b. Matt Zimmer – shared thoughts around Block Scheduling, follow up meeting to be scheduled.

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 6-0. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Guidotti:

- Mr. Guidotti shared special recognition to our school's Spelling Bee winners. The top two in each grade will compete in the Regional Bee, held in Stanton this year:
  - 5th Grade - Hans Vainikka, Nora Zimmer, Karsyn McNaughton (alt.)
  - 6th Grade - Samuel Tarvainen, Chase Aho, Dane Guidotti (alt.)
  - 7th Grade - Arvid Anderson, Kendall Smith-Stevenson, Hilde Kuntze (alt.)
  - 8th Grade - Willa Jouppe, Hank Simonson, Michael Rothenberger (alt.)
- He also shared information on some upcoming school events, including:
  - Wednesday, February 18 - Regional Spelling Bee will be held in Stanton this year
  - Saturday, February 21 - WinterFest
    - Thanks to PATT Group for the planning so far
      - Will again consist of a chili cook-off - looking for recipe sponsors and staff will team up with students to prepare recipes the week of the event
  - March is Reading Month upcoming
    - MSU Science Theatre Presentation on Friday, March 6
    - MTU Engineering Ambassadors coming on Wednesday, March 18
- Additionally, shared an informational note on the new state cell phone law - consider policy review/revision ahead of 2026-27 school year

Mrs. Tervo:

Professional Development

- Areawide inservice, 2/13/2026

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- Grant- 2026 MiSTEM Playbook Mini Grant
  - Region 16 grant awardee- Chassell Twp. Schools
  - $50,000
  - Elementary STEAM Learning Lab

- Direct costs (supplies, equipment, furniture, etc.)
- Training and professional development

Winter Festival

- Saturday, 2/21/2026, 4:00-7:00pm

Action/Discussion Items:

New Hire

On a motion by Carl Olson, supported by Randal Danison, to hire Milly Loukus as an On-Call Support Staff Substitute.
Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

New Hire

On a motion by Carl Olson, supported by Randal Danison, to hire Lily Etelamaki as Co-Track Coach.
Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Amended: 2025-2026 LOA – CEA/CTS School Board – Insurance Premium Under Hard

On a motion by Mark Smith, supported by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, to approve the amended 2025-2026 LOA – CEA/CTS School Board – Insurance Premium Under Hard Cap.
Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Committee Meetings

None.

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, March 16 2026, in the Chassell Township School Library.

Adjournment

On a motion by Carl Olson and supported by Randal Danison, the board adjourned at 5:54 p.m. Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.

Signed:

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Board Secretary

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Board President