April 20, 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, April 20, 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; Tanya Etelamaki, Secretary; Mark Smith, 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. Not in Attendance: Heather Murphy, Vice President; B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Treasurer; Carl Olson, Trustee.

On a motion by Mark Smith and supported by Tanya Etelamaki, the board adopted the agenda as presented with additional agenda item regarding New Hire: Jared Berryman, Assistant Track Coach.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

On a motion by Randal Danison and supported by Tanya Elelamaki the minutes of the regular board meeting held on March 18, 2026, were adopted as presented.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

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

a. Leanna and Tyrel Kuenzel – No Comment
b. Matt and Amy Zimmer – No Comment.

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 Randal Danison, the Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills were approved as presented. Roll Call Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

- Mrs. Tervo:
- Curriculum
  - CTE enrollment for 2026/27: 22 students currently requesting placements
  - Block schedule: Working on finalizing feedback surveys, which will be sent out at the end of this week or beginning of next week
  - Industrial arts: Tool donation
  - Grant updates
    - MACC Grant for music: Items purchased
    - MiSTEM Playbook Grant for elementary STEAM lab: Initial startup meetings held
- State testing update
- Extracurricular
  - Creative Claws Club startup cost donations
    - Lions Club: $1,000
    - Keweenaw Health Foundation: $1,000
    - Chassell Womens Club: $250
  - Robotics
    - Finished their last competition at rank 24 for the event. Their alliance placed 4th in the playoffs.
- Upcoming events
  - Kindergarten Roundup: Thursday, April 23, 4:30-6:00pm
  - Chassell Country Western Show: Saturday, May 9, 6:00pm (CTS Band Fundraiser)
  - Prom: Dollar Bay & Chassell HS Prom, Midnight Masquerade, May 2
  - Physics lab trip: May 7-9, 2026
  - Graduation: May 26, 7:00
    - Valedictorian- Diana Torola
    - Salutatorian- Dusty Lippold
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- Acknowledgements
    - Honors Band- Marquette, MI
    - CCASB Award banquet was held
        - Student Impact Award- Diana Torola
        - Outstanding Educator Award- Sydney Harmon
        - School Service Award- Norm Thomas
        - CTE Program award
            - Grady Olson- CTE Student of the Year
    - HOSA
        - Regional Competition-Oriana Olson won first place in the category of Sports Medicine through both a skills test and written test.
        - Regional Competition- Skye Isaacson placed fourth in the behavioral health written test.
        - Regional Competition- Amelia Huhta placed 2nd in the category of Physical Therapy through both a skills test and written test.
        - All three students traveled to the state competition April 15th.

- Mr. Guidotti:

Mr. Guidotti shared thanks and acknowledgement to Ms. Janessa Kilpela and Ms. Casana Ryynanen and their respective 5th/6th grade boys and girls basketball teams for their efforts this elementary basketball season. He also shared an outlook on upcoming spring sports. The CCASB Awards Banquet was held on Wednesday, April 15 at MTU's Memorial Union Ballroom. Earning special recognition from Chassell were:

- Student Impact Award - Diana Torola
- Outstanding Education Employee Award - Ms. Sydney Harmon
- School Service Award - Mr. Norm Thomas

A note of gratitude was also extended to Ms. Sydney Harmon for her work leading state testing this year, and another thank you to our full staff for ensuring smooth operations of state testing this year. Mr. Guidotti also shared an update on the upcoming Chassell Country Western Show, scheduled to take place at MTU's Rozsa Center on Saturday, May 9.

He also shared an update on the planning of school picnics, and a reminder on commencement, scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. The Senior Class of 2026 Valedictorian is Diana Torola, while the Salutatorian is Dusty Lippold. Congratulations to the entire Class of 2026!

Action/Discussion Items:

<u>New Hire</u>

On a motion by Randal Danison, supported by Tanya Etelamaki, to hire Allie Williamson as Child Care Aide.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

<u>New Hire</u>

On a motion by Randal Danison, supported by Tanya Etelamaki, to hire Casana Ryynanen as Co-Track Coach.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

<u>Approve Amended 2025-2026 Budget</u>

On a motion by Mark Smith, supported by Randal Danison, to approve the Amended Budget for the 2025-2026 school year.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

<u>REMC1 SupportNet Services Contract</u>

On a motion by Randal Danison, supported by Tanya Etelamaki, to approve the REMC1 SupportNet Services Contract for the 2026-2027 school year.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

<u>Resignation</u>

On a motion by Randal Danison, supported by Tanya Etelamaki, to accept the resignation with regret from Beth Hillstrom as Principal’s Office Secretary.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Added:
New Hire
On a motion by Randal Danison, supported by Tanya Etelamaki, to hire Jared Berryman as Assistant Track Coach. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Committee Meetings
April 17th Finance/Budget Committee Meeting
-Addressing budget deficit: staffing level reduction, reconfiguration, and program redesign.

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, May 18 2026, in the Chassell Township School Library.

Adjournment
On a motion by Randal Danison and supported by Tanya Etelamaki, the board adjourned at 5:52 p.m. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Signed:

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Board Secretary

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Board President