March 18, 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, March 18, 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; Heather Murphy, Vice President; Secretary; Mark Smith, Trustee, Randal Danison, Trustee. Also, in attendance were Tricia Tervo, MS/HS Principal; Tara Arens, District Secretary/Athletic Director. Not in Attendance: B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Treasurer; Tanya Etelamaki, Secretary; Carl Olson, Trustee; Marco Guidotti, Superintendent/K-5 Principal.

On a motion by Mark Smith and supported by Randal Danison, the board adopted the agenda as presented with additional agenda item regarding Band Trip Approval.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

On a motion by Mark Smith and supported by Heather Murphy, the minutes of the regular board meeting held on February 16, 2026, were adopted as presented.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

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

a. Leanna Kuenzel – No Comment
b. Matt Zimmer – No Comment.
c. Karl Noll – Band Trip Discussion and Approval
d. Corey Soumis – CTE Presentation

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

Administrative Reports:

- Mrs. Tervo: Grants
  - SCRIPT
    - Grant- 2026 MiSTEM Playbook Mini Grant
      - Region 16 grant awardee- Chassell Twp. Schools
      - $50,000
      - Elementary STEAM Learning Lab
      - Press release
  - Music program
    - MAC Grant for $18,603
- Student affairs & Acknowledgements
  - Spelling Bee- Congratulations to Nora Zimmer for her performance. She placed 2nd in the Regional Bee and advanced to compete at U.P. Finals in Negaunee on March 11th. At the finals competition, Nora competed well and earned an honorable mention award.
  - MSU Science Theatre- March 6
  - MTU Engineering Ambassadors- Visiting K-5 March 18
  - Robotics- upcoming match
  - Congratulations to Copper Country Junior Hockey Association Girls 19U Tier III team on their state championship win for the second year in a row. Chassell students Sylvia Aho and Jordan Holombo are members of the winning team.
  - Reading Month: A huge thanks to staff and students for their hard work and creative energy poured into this year's reading month.
  - Volleyball: Our MS volleyball team has been competing well and wrap up their season tomorrow. A big thanks to Coach Sydney Harmon and the volleyball girls for their hard work and for representing Chassell proudly.

- CCASB Award Banquet
    - April 15, 2026
    - 1-3 board members to attend [BJ Tervo, Pete Torola]
    - Student Impact Award: Diana Torola
    - Outstanding Education Employee Award: Sydney Harmon
    - School Service Award: Norm Thomas
- Upcoming events
    - Spring break March 23-27 (with school resuming March 30th)
    - 5th/6th grade basketball practice has begun. The game season begins upon the return from spring break.

Action/Discussion Items:

Resignation

On a motion by Randal Danison, supported by Mark Smith, to accept the resignation with regret from Sydney Snyder as MS/HS Math Teacher.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Resignation

On a motion by Randal Danison, supported by Mark Smith, to accept the resignation with regret from Joel Larson as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

New Hire

On a motion by Randal Danison, supported by Mark Smith, to hire Casana Ryynanen as Elementary Girls Basketball Coach.
Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Added:

Band Trip Approval

On a motion by Randal Danison, supported by Heather Murphy, to approve a 2025-2026 band trip with an educational component added.
Vote 4-0. 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, April 20 2026, in the Chassell Township School Library.

Adjournment

On a motion by Randal Danison and supported by Mark Smith, the board adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Vote 4-0. Motion Carried.

Signed:

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Board Secretary

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Board President