

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
Board of Education
Regular Meeting

May 15, 2023

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Chassell Township School Board of Education met on Monday, May 15, 2023, in the school library. President Peter Torola called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Present: President, Peter Torola; Vice-President, Ken Kytta (5:49 PM); Treasurer, B.J. (Brady) Tervo; Trustee, Heather Murphy

Absent: Secretary, Tanya Etelamaki; Trustees: Carl Olson, Randal Danison

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

Guests: Kara LaTendresse, Sydney Harmon, Sarah Guidotti

Approval of Current Agenda

B.J. (Brady) Tervo moved, seconded by Ken Kytta to approve the current agenda as presented. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Guests

No comments from the guests.

Regular Board Meeting – April 17, 2023

Heather Murphy moved, seconded by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2023, board meeting as presented. All board members voted AYE.

Treasurer's Report

B.J. (Brady) Tervo reported total revenues of \$1,959,670.73, Expenses of \$1,982,452.63, leaving a deficit Net Income balance of (\$22,781.90) for the period of July 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023.

The General Fund Cash & Investment Balance as of April 30, 2023 was \$767,749.18. Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Heather Murphy, to approve the treasurer's report and to pay the April bills as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Ken Kytta, Heather Murphy, Peter Torola

NAYS: None

Administrative Items

Superintendent - Marco Guidotti reported the following:

- A. Class of 2023
 - Co-Valedictorians: Trisha Pietila and Shannon Torola
- B. Camp Nesbit
 - The 6th graders will be going to Camp Nesbit May 22 through May 24 with Adams Township Schools 6th grade students and E.B. Holman's 6th grade students. Chaperones will be Josh Normand, Mark Ware and Paris Puuri.
- C. Spring Band Concert – Tuesday, May 9th @ 6:30 PM
 - Congratulations and thank you to Ms. Puuri, students and family support.
- D. Country Western Show – Saturday, May 13th @ the Rozsa Center
 - 300+ people attended the event. Congratulations to all who were involved.

- E. Middle School/High School Picnic – was held today at the Chassell beach.
 - Students and staff would like to continue this event. It was well received.
- F. Elementary Picnic – Scheduled for Thursday, June 1 with the alternate day of Friday, June 2
The picnic will be held at the Lake Linden City Park as it has been the last several years.
- G. Kindergarten Graduation – Tuesday, June 6 @ 10 AM
- H. Facilities/Maintenance/Custodial update – 1 applicant as of May 15. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 19.
- I. Additional Forgiven Time Requests(s) – Due to two late snow days on April 17 and May 1, Mr. Guidotti applied for forgiven time and the district was approved. Therefore, the last day of school remains as scheduled – Friday, June 9 @ 11:45 AM.

H.S. Principal - Tricia Tervo reported the following:

- A. State testing began on Wednesday, April 12. Thank you to Chris Schuldt for organizing the spring testing. He has done a fantastic job. To-date, testing is nearly done. There are only a few students that need to make-up certain sections of testing.

Committee Reports

- A. Personnel Committee – The committee met on Tuesday, May 2 at 4:15 p.m. and discussed the following:
 - MS/HS Mathematics position
 - Head custodian
 - Touched lightly on contract negotiations
- B. An ad hoc Property Committee will meet on Thursday, June 1 at 5:00 p.m.
Committee members are: B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Heather Murphy and Carl Olson
Topics to be discussed include the following: Playground, Child Care and Maintenance.
- C. Work Session – to be scheduled.
- D. Athletic Department – Ticket pricing/Season Passes to be discussed at a later meeting.

Discussion Items

- A. Resolution to consider designation of electoral representative for the June 5, 2023, biennial election at CCISD. Select one voting representative (Peter Torola) and an alternate (Carl Olson) that you would like to consider. Two open seats – two candidates running: Nels S. Christopherson and Timothy J. Palosaari.

Action Items

- A. New Hire – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by B.J. (Brady) Tervo, to hire Joel Larson as the Varsity Boys basketball coach. Mr. Larson will be paid through ESS WillSub our third-party contractor, wages will be paid according to Schedule B in the CEA contract. Motion carried on a roll call vote:
AYES: B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Ken Kytta, Heather Murphy, Peter Torola
NAYS: None

- B. New Hire – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Heather Murphy, to hire Juan Marin as the MS/HS Mathematics teacher beginning with the 2023-2024 school year pending a background check. Mr. Marin's insurance package will begin June 1, 2023. Wages will be paid according to the CEA contract. Mr. Marin's wages will begin at Step 6 – MA+30; starting wage of \$51,849.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: B.J. (Brady) Tervo, Ken Kytta, Heather Murphy, Peter Torola

- C. CCISD Budget Resolution – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Heather Murphy, to approve the CCISD budget resolution as presented. Mr. Kytta would like Mr. Rautiola to attend one of our upcoming meetings and review the budget with the board for clarification. Motion carried with all members voting AYE. (Resolution Attached).

D. Electoral Representative Biennial Election – Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Heather Murphy, to consider a resolution to appoint Peter Torola as the designated representative of this school district for the electoral body of the ISD biennial election to be held June 5, 2023, and Carl Olson as an alternate representative in the event the designated representative is unable to attend. Two open seats – two candidates running: Nels S. Christopherson and Timothy J. Palosaari. Motion carried with all members voting AYE. (Resolution attached).

E. Written Response – B. J. (Brady) Tervo moved, seconded by Ken Kytta, to approve the written response letter to Mr. Esterline regarding the comments made at the February meeting. Motion carried with all members voting AYE. (Copy attached).

F. June board meeting will be on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Ken Kytta moved, seconded by Heather Murphy, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: