

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
Board of Education
Regular Meeting

January 13, 2015

The Chassell Township School Board of Education met on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, in the library. President Ken Kytta called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Guests: Ellie Hyypio, John Dorvinen, Mark Ware, Jess & Rick Chiochios, Tamara Pietila, Chris Holmes, Kendra Turpeinen

Present: Carl Olson, Marcia Messer, Suzanna Tuomi, Roger Tervo, Lynn Gierke, Ken Kytta

Absent: None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Election of officers – PRESIDENT – Carl Olson moved, seconded by Suzanna Tuomi, to retain *Ken Kytta* as president. No other nominations. Motion carried with all board members voting AYE.
- B. Election of officers – VICE PRESIDENT – Suzanna Tuomi moved, seconded by Carl Olson to elect *Roger Tervo* as vice president. No other nominations. Motion carried with all board members voting AYE.
- C. Election of officers – SECRETARY – Roger Tervo moved, seconded by Lynn Gierke to retain *Suzanna Tuomi* as secretary. No other nominations. Motion carried with all board members voting AYE.
- D. Election of officers – TREASURER – Suzanna Tuomi moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to retain *Lynn Gierke* as treasurer. No other nominations. Motion carried with all board members voting AYE.

Oath of Office taken by all board members. NOTE – Election of Officers and Oath of Office will take place after each election year. (Even year elections). Next change will be done January 2017.

Regular Board Meeting Dates – The Chassell Board of Education will meet on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. unless a scheduling change needs to be made and then the date would be posted on the web page and on the main entrance of the school building.

GUESTS:

- Ellie Hyypio and John Dorvinen spoke to the board regarding a possible change in plans for the senior class trip. Originally the class had started planning a trip to the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The class would now like to have the board consider a change to San Juan, Puerto Rico. As a whole, the class believes more students would be willing to participate in the class trip if the class traveled to San Juan. The students presented possible rates for flights, pricing for a van and SUV rentals, tentative web sites for condo rentals, a list of activities they could participate in, and a slated list of future fundraising events. The class stated their current fund balance in their account is approximately \$5,500.00. The students estimate the trip to cost approximately \$8,000-\$9,000 without the cost of food being figured in. Currently there are 11 of 12 students fundraising for the senior class trip. Board members asked the students to come back next month with a more definite plan with details and budget so a decision could be made regarding the trip.

- Mr. Mark Ware spoke to the board regarding an *After School Club* that he would like to take on an overnight trip to Isle Royale in early June. Mr. Ware and Jessica Chiochios would take approximately 10 students; primarily ninth graders on a 5 day-4 night backpacking trip to Isle Royale. The group would have to try an earlier overnight or two stay on the mainland before attempting a 4 night stay on the island. The school district already owns backpacks, sleeping bags and tents. Some items were purchased with grant money and other items were donated to the school when the Bridge alternative school closed in Hancock. The main expenses for the trip would be the ferry ride to-and-from the island and food. The students would be able to do some fundraising prior to the trip to raise funds for the trip.
- Tamara Pietila spoke to the board and asked about the possibility of the school starting a day care program. She stated that since she has started subbing in the building both as an aide and in the office; she has heard several staff members talk about the struggles of finding a day care when their own day care provider is unavailable. The demographics with our staff now show a ratio of younger teachers and staff members who have young family members that are in need of care during the day. Currently the district has the former BHK head start room that may be used as a day care. Further discussion regarding this topic – Mr. Davidson stated that Calumet Schools recently opened their own day care program. Some of the hurdles that needed to be jumped included hiring a person with a Pre-K or ZA endorsement on their teaching certificate. A second major issue would be related to insurance. A suggestion was made to contact Trish Sherman and Calumet Schools.

Regular Board Meeting – December 16, 2014 – Lynn Gierke moved, seconded by Roger Tervo, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 16, 2014. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Treasurer's Report - Lynn Gierke reported an Income of \$177,113.92 and Expenses of \$159,057.54 leaving a Net Income balance of \$18,056.38.

The General Fund Cash & Investment Balance as of December 31, 2014 was \$240,412.62.

Carl Olson moved, seconded by Suzanna Tuomi, to approve the treasurer's report, petty cash report, and to pay the December bills as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Carl Olson, Marcia Messer, Suzanna Tuomi, Roger Tervo, Lynn Gierke, Ken Kytta

NAYS: None

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Administrative Items

- **Legislative Update** –
 - Lame Duck
 - ✓ Road Funding Proposal
 - ✓ Nothing else major moved out of Lame Duck
 - ✓ 2015 expects to see action taken on Teacher-Administration Evaluations, Early Warning System, A-F Letter grading and reading retention
- **Early College Update** –
 - Met with GCC
 - Have the information needed for the committee meeting
 - Schedule an Education Committee meeting
- **Transportation** – The new busses are here.
- **Food Service** – The new ice machine has been installed.
- **Back Pack Storage Units** – On hold until after the budget amendment next month.

- **11th Grade Assessment** – The ACT has been eliminated and replaced with the SAT. The MASSP is challenging this decision.
- **Michigan State Police School Safety Program Grant Application** – Mr. Davidson recently completed the grant application. In the application the school district applied for funds to replace/upgrade our video surveillance equipment; and upgrade/replace the outside door locks and hinges.
- **OK2SAY** – The OK2SAY is a way for anyone that knows about a student safety threat to submit a tip to OK2SAY program operators by phone, text message, email, mobile app or website. Tips can be submitted 24/7.
- **Box Tops for Education** – The district received a check for \$578.20.
- **Teacher InService** – Scheduled for Wednesday, January 14. The teachers will be reviewing and analyzing assessment results.
- **BHK-GE** – The school district was notified by BHK that the after school GE program no longer had funding through the BHK system. Tutoring services would cease as of Friday, January 16. (Communication shared with board members). Mr. Davidson would like to continue the tutoring services for our students. Per a quick review of expenditures to run the program; Mr. Davidson feels that by using the funds that were originally allocated for the *partner payment* with BHK, and the funds collected from families for the tutoring services, costs may be close to equal. Regardless, Mr. Davidson feels this would be the best solution for this year as the district looks at the long-term sustainability of having a tutoring program in the district.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. CCASB Report – The last scheduled CCASB board meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Upcoming events – *New Board Member Orientation* is scheduled for February 4, 2015 at the CCISD. The *Winter Program/Open House* is scheduled for March 25, 2015 at Chassell Township Schools. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Superintendent/Principal Evaluation forms were distributed. Board members were asked to have them returned to the board president no later than the February board meeting.
- B. Senior Class Trip – Discussed during the guest portion of the meeting. Students were asked to put a formal/detailed proposal together and to return to the board next month with a detailed itinerary and budget proposal.
- C. School Board Seat – One person applied via a letter of interest for the open school board member seat. That individual was Chris Holmes.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. After School Tutoring Program – Carl Olson moved, seconded by Lynn Gierke, to continue to offer an *After School Tutoring Program* that will be funded by the school district in place of the *after school Great Exploration program* which was cancelled due to funding issues. Motion carried on a roll call vote:
AYES: Carl Olson, Marcia Messer, Suzanna Tuomi, Roger Tervo, Lynn Gierke, Ken Kytta
NAYS: None
- B. Senior Class Trip – Students will return next month with a detailed itinerary and budget projections to share with the school board members.

- C. School Board Seat – Carl Olson moved, seconded by Suzanna Tuomi, to accept the letter of interest from Chris Holmes for the open school board member seat. Chris will be filing a part-term seat which expires on December 31, 2015. At that time, he may choose to run for a part-term or a full-term as both types of vacancies will be available. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.
- D. Board Member Appreciation – Board members were presented with dessert and beverages in honor of “Board Member Appreciation Month”. Board members were personally thanked by Superintendent, Chris Davidson, for their willingness to serve on the board.
- E. Second Reading/Adoption – Suzanna Tuomi moved, seconded by Carl Olson, to approve the *second reading* and *adoption* of Neola Updates – Vol. 29, No. 1 (Sept. 2014).

Policy numbers include: 1420 2370.01 3220 5830 7540.02 7540.03
7540.04 8325 8330 8500 8510 8540 9211 9800

Motion carried will all members voting AYE.

- F. February Board Meeting – The February board meeting will be held on Monday, February 16, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. The amended budget update for 2014-2015 will be presented.

Carl Olson moved, seconded by Roger Tervo, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting AYE.

Approved:

President:

Secretary:



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January 13, 2015

Dear Great Explorations Family,

We wanted to let you know as soon as possible that the BHK Great Explorations (GE) tutoring program at Chassell Township Schools has experienced an unexpected and abrupt change in our funding situation, and will no longer be able to cover the costs of a tutoring program in your school after this week (1/12/15 - 1/16/15). Chassell's program has not been included in a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant awarded to BHK Child Development since July 1, 2013. Unfortunately, the funds used to cover the cost of tutoring at your school during 2013-2014 and the current academic year are no longer available through BHK.

It is possible there will be a break in tutoring services beginning Monday, January 19, 2015. GE Program Director, Jesse DePue is working with Superintendent, Chris Davidson to find a way to prevent a lapse in programming, and continue tutoring services for your student(s) as seamlessly as possible. **Mr. Davidson and Tutor Coordinator, Georgeann Jukuri will be in contact with you regarding future programming.**

We sincerely apologize for the abrupt nature of this communication and any inconveniences this poses to you and your family.

Please direct questions about programming during the week of January 19th and beyond to:

Christopher Davidson, CTS Superintendent
483-2132 ext. 401

Georgeann Jukuri, Tutor Coordinator
483-2132, ext. 206

Jesse DePue, Great Explorations Program Director
487-6600 ext. 152

Sincerely,

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8 January 2015

Mr. Kenneth Kytta
Board President
Chassell Township Schools
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Chassell, MI 49916

RE: Vacant Board Seat

Dear Mr. Kytta,

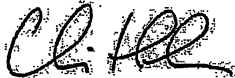
I'm writing to express my interest in the vacant school board seat.

I feel my 6+ years of past experience as a school board member will be an asset to the board.

Your consideration of my interest in this vacancy is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss my interests in greater detail, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you,



Chris Holmes