



## CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

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# Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 63, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; HELD AT CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 AT 7:30 P.M. ON THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Upon roll being called the following members answered present: President Mike Webster, Vice President Brandeis, Member Kent Absalonsen, Member Steve Alavi, Member Jeff McCollian and Member Michael Ockrim. Secretary Shelly Camden was absent. Michael Ockrim arrived at 8:15 p.m.

Also in attendance:

Kerry J. Foderaro, Superintendent

Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal

Christine Marcinkewicz, Cass Junior High School Principal

### CLOSED SESSION

*Vice President Brandeis moved and Member Absalonsen seconded a motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or employees of the District and the placement of individual students in Special Education or service programs and other matters relating to individual students, including but not limited to student discipline and, or tuition based student requests. Voice Vote; motion carried, 5 to 0.*

### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open Session returned at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Webster

Vice President Brandeis

Member Absalonsen

Member Alavi

Member McCollian



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Motion carried, 5 to 0.

### RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Webster welcomed:

Elizabeth Dooley  
Madison Witucki  
Rick Arnold  
Claire Moon  
Krista Jamrose

Amanda Witucki  
Joyce Grover  
Francesca Arnold  
Jill Armbruster

Bill Witucki  
Carolyn Arnold  
Mara Moon  
Karen Hyder

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Education welcomed Concord Elementary School students Francesca Arnold, Claire Moon and Madison Witucki to lead the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance. The three then spoke about the Indian Prairie Library Summer Reading Program and showcased the trophy that Concord Elementary School won the right to keep during the 2016/17 school year because Concord Elementary School Students read more books over the summer than any other area school districts.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes of the September 20, 2016 Board of Education Closed Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes of the September 20, 2016 Board of Education Meeting
- C. Receipt of Budget Report – September, 2016
- D. Approval of Payroll – September, 2016
- E. Approval of Bills – October, 2016
- F. Review of Investments – September, 2016
- G. Approval of Personnel Report
- H. Approval of Heartland School Solutions (NutriKids) Contract

*Vice President Brandeis moved and Member Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.*



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Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Webster

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Member Absalonsen

Member Alavi

Member McCollan

Motion carried, 5 to 0.

### REPORTS

A. Cass School District 63 Foundation for Educational Excellence Report

There was no Foundation report.

B. Cass School District 63 Parent Teacher Club (PTC) Report

There was no PTC Report.

C. Fine Arts Boosters (FAB) Report

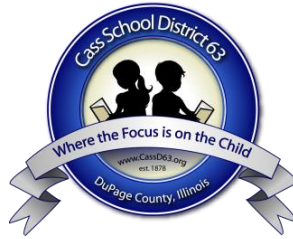
There was no FAB Report.

D. Administrators' Reports

Principal Anderson stated that the Prekindergarten Program has once again earned the Gold Circle Award. This is the third consecutive year for this award and it is a very challenging award to achieve.

Principal Anderson then shared that currently the District has 97 ELL students which is ten more than the District had last year at this time.

Principal Marcinkewicz highlighted the recent Outdoor Education trip for Fifth Grade Students. She then shared that the Jazz Band recently held their first concert of the year and that the Seventh Grade students will be going to



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Springfield, Illinois for a one-day field trip aligning with their current curriculum.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion of Board of Education Committees

- The next Policy & Planning Committee Meeting will be held some time before Winter Break.
- The Community Connections Committee will be meeting in the near future.

#### B. Discussion and Possible Action On Resolution Providing for The Issue of Not to Exceed \$1,300,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding School Bonds for The Purpose of Refunding Certain Outstanding Bonds of the District, Providing for The Levy of a Direct Annual Tax to Pay the Principal and Interest On Said Bonds, And Authorizing the Execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with William Blair & Company, L.L.C., In Connection with The Proposed Sale of Said Bonds

Superintendent Foderaro gave an overview of the resolutions. Last week Superintendent Foderaro and Fiscal Services Director Strande had an interview with Standard and Poors to get a Financial Rating for the refinancing and the District received and maintained an “AA” and “AA-” rating, which is a significant accomplishment because the District is tied to the State of Illinois. This bond refinancing allows the District to obtain the funds for needed capital improvements. In December the District’s architects will go out to bid for a new roof at Cass Junior High School.

*Member Alavi moved and Vice President Brandeis seconded a motion to approve the Resolution Providing For The Issue Of Not To Exceed \$1,300,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding School Bonds For The Purpose Of Refunding Certain Outstanding Bonds Of The District, Providing For The Levy Of A Direct Annual Tax To Pay The Principal And Interest On Said Bonds, And Authorizing The Execution Of A Bond Purchase Agreement With William Blair & Company, L.L.C., In Connection*



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*With The Proposed Sale Of Said Bonds as presented*

Roll call:

Aye

Nay

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Member Absalonsen  
Member Alavi  
Member McCollian

Motion carried, 5 to 0.

- C. Discussion And Possible Action On Resolution Providing For The Issue Of Not To Exceed \$3,500,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) For The Purposes Of Refunding Certain Outstanding Bonds Of The District And Improving The Sites Of And Altering, Repairing And Equipping Existing School Buildings Of The District, Providing For The Pledge Of Certain Revenues And The Levy Of A Direct Annual Tax Sufficient To Pay The Principal And Interest On Said Bonds And Authorizing The Execution Of A Bond Purchase Agreement With William Blair & Company, L.L.C., In Connection With The Proposed Sale Of Said Bonds

*Member Absalonsen moved and Member McCollian seconded a motion to approve the Resolution Providing For The Issue Of Not To Exceed \$3,500,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) For The Purposes Of Refunding Certain Outstanding Bonds Of The District And Improving The Sites Of And Altering, Repairing And Equipping Existing School Buildings Of The District, Providing For The Pledge Of Certain Revenues And The Levy Of A Direct Annual Tax Sufficient To Pay The Principal And Interest On Said Bonds And Authorizing The Execution Of A Bond Purchase Agreement With William Blair & Company, L.L.C., In Connection With The Proposed Sale Of Said Bonds as presented.*

Roll call:

Aye

Nay



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Motion carried, 5 to 0.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion and Possible Action on Fiscal Year 2016 Audit

Superintendent Foderaro stated that the Finance Committee met last week to review the Fiscal Year 2016 audit. The District was \$124,000 under budget and the independent auditing firm confirmed the District's accounting for Fiscal Year 2016 without any concerns.

*Vice President Brandeis moved and Member Alavi seconded a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2016 Audit as presented.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Webster  
Vice President Brandeis  
Member Absalonsen  
Member Alavi  
Member McCollian

Motion carried, 5 to 0.

#### B. Discussion and Possible Action on Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal Recommendation

Superintendent Foderaro stated that the insurance proposed premium is a 4% increase over last year's premium and the Administration is recommending the Board accept this proposal.



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*Member McCollian moved and Vice President Brandeis seconded a motion to approve the Property and Casualty Insurance Policy as presented.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

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Vice President Brandeis

Member Absalonsen

Member Alavi

Member McCollian

Motion carried, 5 to 0.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

### BOARD MEMBER REMARKS

- There were no Board Member remarks.

### BOARD SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 in the District Community Room.
- The Board of Education received a thank you note from Gracie Wilcox.

### ADJOURNMENT

*Member Alavi moved and Member Absalonsen seconded a motion to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting for October 18, 2016 at 8:21 p.m.*

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried, 6 to 0.

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President, Board of Education



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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice President, Board of Education

Attest for Distribution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice President, Board of Education