



## CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

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# Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 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 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. Upon roll being called the following members answered present: President Mike Webster, Vice President Brandeis, Secretary Shelly Camden, Member Kent Absalonsen, Member Steve Alavi, Member Jeff McCollian and Member Michael Ockrim.

Also in attendance:

Kerry J. Foderaro, Superintendent

Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal

Christine Marcinkewicz, Cass Junior High School Principal

### CLOSED SESSION

*Secretary Camden 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.*

### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open Session returned at 7:30 PM.

Roll call

Aye

President Webster

Vice President Brandeis

Secretary Camden

Member Absalonsen

Member Alavi

Member McCollian

Member Ockrim

Nay

Motion carried, 7 to 0.



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### RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Webster welcomed:

George Wilcox  
Angelina Carroll  
Jeremy Radicker

Becky Wilcox  
Michele Radicker  
Karen Hyder

Gracie Wilcox  
Andrew Radicker  
Susan Mulgrew

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Education welcomed the newly elected Cass Junior High School Student Council Leadership Team, Gracie Wilcox, Angelina Carroll and Andrew Radicker, to lead the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance. The three then reviewed the Student Council responsibilities and upcoming service project.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes of the August 16, 2016 Board of Education Closed Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes of the August 16, 2016 Board of Education Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes of the September 12, 2016 Special Board of Education Meeting
- D. Receipt of Budget Report - August, 2016
- E. Approval of Payroll - August, 2016
- F. Approval of Bills - September, 2016
- G. Review of Investments - August, 2016
- H. Approval of Personnel Report
- I. Receipt of Open Meeting Act 5ILCS120 and Public Act 96-434 Reports
- J. Approval of Application of Recognition of Schools

*Vice President Brandeis moved and Secretary Camden seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended to include additional bills.*

Roll call

Aye

President Webster

Nay



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Secretary Camden  
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Motion carried, 7 to 0.

### REPORTS

A. Cass School District 63 Foundation for Educational Excellence Report

Superintendent Foderaro announced that the Foundation is planning a Trivia Night for January 27, 2017.

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

The PTC held a Fun Run at Concord Elementary School on Friday, September 16. The final amount raised has not yet been determined. The PTC is planning to hold another Fun Run at Cass Junior High School toward the end of the 2016/17 school year.

C. Fine Arts Boosters (FAB) Report

Various fundraisers are currently going on including magazine sales and an upcoming BBQ Bash.

D. Discussion and Possible Action on Donation by the Fine Arts Boosters (FAB)

*Member Alavi moved and Member Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the generous donation of \$306.00 by the Cass School District 63 Fine Arts Boosters for a Concord Elementary School fieldtrip for students to attend the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay



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Motion carried, 7 to 0.

### E. Administrators' Reports

Principal Anderson stated that the beginning of the school year has gone very well. The PTC Fun Run went well and was held outdoors this year. The upcoming big event is the Patriotic Assembly where students honor the military and the country and it will be held this Friday. The Indian Prairie Library will also present the trophy to the Concord Elementary School's Student body for most books read by one school in the entire the community at this assembly as well.

Principal Marcinkewicz stated that the beginning of the year at Cass Junior High School has gone great. She further shared that all the required student safety drills have taken place. For September 11 there were many student events and projects planned to honor the date across all four grade levels.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### VI. Public Hearing for the Issuance of General Obligation Alternate Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000, for the Purpose of Improving the Sites of and Altering, Repairing and Equipping Existing School Buildings of the District

President Webster opened up the Public Hearing for the Issuance of Bonds at 7:46 p.m.



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Elizabeth Hennessy, District Financial Advisor, was introduced and she reviewed the process of refinancing and outlined different scenarios available. Most scenarios will offer a lower yearly payment and will extend the date of final repayment.

President Webster then opened up the floor to public comment.

There was no public comment.

*Secretary Camden moved and Member Absalonsen seconded a motion to close the Public Hearing for the Issuance of General Obligation Alternate Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 for the Purpose of Improving the Sites of and Altering, Repairing and Equipping Existing School Buildings of the District.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Webster  
Vice President Brandeis  
Secretary Camden  
Member Absalonsen  
Member Alavi  
Member McCollian  
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

The public hearing was closed at 8:06 p.m.

### **I.** Public Hearing for the Recommendation of the Cass School District 63's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

President Webster opened up the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.

District Director of Fiscal Services Robert Strande discussed the proposed 2016/17 Budget. Nothing has changed from the Proposed Budget presented to the Board in June.



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The proposed 2016/17 is balanced and provided nothing changes, the District and should add approximately \$40,000 to the Fund Balance at the close of the 2016/17 school year.

President Webster opened the hearing to public comment. There was no public comment.

The hearing closed at 8:16 p.m.

### OLD BUSINESS

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

- The next Finance Committee Meeting needs to be held before the October meeting to discuss the Fiscal Year 2016 Audit.
- The Teaching and Learning Committee will be implementing their new Reading and Language Arts programs. The Committee will be looking at the Math program during this school year for recommendation to the Board of Education in April or May of 2017.

#### B. Discussion and Possible Action on Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Recommendation

*Secretary Camden moved and Vice President Brandeis seconded a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget as presented.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Webster

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Motion carried, 7 to 0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion of Sixth Day Enrollment

Superintendent Foderaro reviewed the Sixth Day Enrollment numbers. The enrollment numbers are slightly increased over last year's numbers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- There were no public comments.

**BOARD MEMBER REMARKS**

- Vice President Brandeis stated that his son is taking a Business Finance class as a sophomore in college and his son shared with him that he had already learned most everything his class is teaching him while he was at Cass Junior High School.

**BOARD SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in the District Community Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Secretary Camden moved and Vice President Brandeis seconded a motion to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting for September 20, 2016 at 8:21 p.m.*

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried, 7 to 0.

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President, Board of Education



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Secretary, Board of Education

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