



## CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333

# Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 63, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; HELD AT CASS DISTRICT 63 AT 7:30 P.M. ON THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon roll being called the following members answered present: President Mike Webster, Vice President Brandeis, Secretary Camden, Member Steve and Member Michael Ockrim (Arrived at 7:25pm).

Also in attendance:

Kerry J. Foderaro, Superintendent  
Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal  
Christine Marcinkewicz, Cass Junior High School Principal  
Robert Strande, District Director of Fiscal Services

### CLOSED SESSION

*Member Alavi moved and Secretary Camden 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 7:42 PM.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Webster

Vice President Brandeis

Secretary Camden

Member Alavi

Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 5 to 0.



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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Anderson introduced Yiran “Freya” Pang (a nationally competing concert pianist) and her two friends, Payton Hallman and J’Lani Mendez. Freya recently played piano at a wedding and donated the money she made to the Concord Elementary School Activity Account.

### RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Webster welcomed:

Laura Draper  
Janet Miller  
Freya Pang  
Raul Mendez

David Draper  
Xiaoli Wang  
Vicki Hallman  
J’Lani Mendez

Karen Hyder  
Yonggang Pang  
Payton Hallman

### ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER BETH LOPEZ

Superintendent Foderaro stated that Member Beth Lopez submitted her resignation and requested that the Board of Education officially accept the resignation.

*Vice President Brandeis moved and Member Ockrim seconded a motion to accept member Lopez’s resignation effective August 18, 2015. Voice Vote; All Ayes. Motion Carried 5 to 0.*

### ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER LAURA DRAPER

Superintendent Foderaro stated that Member Laura Draper submitted her resignation and requested that the Board of Education officially accept the resignation.

*Secretary Camden moved and Vice President Brandeis seconded a motion to accept member Draper’s resignation effective September 15, 2015. Voice Vote; All Ayes. Motion Carried 5 to 0.*

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SERVICE OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER LAURA DRAPER

Superintendent Foderaro spoke about outgoing Board Member Draper and thanked her for her over eight years of service to the District and the Board of Education. He further added that neither former Board Members Carpenter nor Lopez were able to attend tonight’s meeting but extended their thanks to Member Draper through Kerry.

President Webster extended his thanks on behalf of the Board of Education.



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Member Draper then shared that it has been her pleasure to work with this Board and that she will miss everyone.

Member Draper was presented with a token gift to thank her for her commitment to the students, staff and community of Cass School District 63.

### APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE TO FILL THE VACATED SEAT ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Webster reviewed the process in which the Board of Education accepted candidate applications and the interview process for those candidates.

*Secretary Camden moved and Vice President Brandeis seconded a motion to approve Candidate Kent Absalonsen to assume the Vacated Seat on the Board of Education through the spring 2017 election. Voice Vote; All Ayes. Motion Carried 5 to 0.*

### NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE

Kent Absalonsen, along with the other five Board of Education Members took the Oath of Office. After which, Member Absalonsen took his seat with the Board of Education.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes of the August 18, 2015 Board of Education Closed Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes of the August 18, 2015 Board of Education Meeting
- C. Receipt of Budget Report – August, 2015
- D. Approval of Payroll – August, 2015
- E. Approval of Bills – September, 2015
- F. Review of Investments – August, 2015
- G. Approval of Personnel Report
- H. Acceptance of Open Meetings Act 5ILCS120 & Public Act 96-434  
Approval of Application for Recognition of Schools

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

Roll call

Aye

Nay



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Vice President Brandeis  
Secretary Camden  
Member Absalonsen  
Member Alavi  
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

### REPORTS

A. Cass 63 Foundation for Educational Excellence

Superintendent Foderaro highlighted the raffle fundraiser.

B. Parent Teacher Club (PTC)

The PTC recently held their first annual Fun Run fundraiser which will be the biggest fundraiser for the PTC this year. It rained but there was a contingency plan in place and it went extremely well.

Member Ockrim added that it was a wonderful event and extremely well organized especially since it had to be held indoors at the last minute.

C. Fine Arts Boosters

FAB has a Back to School BBQ scheduled at Concord Elementary School and tickets are on sale.

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

FAB would like to donate \$310.50 to go toward the fourth grade field trip.

*Member Alavi moved and Secretary Camden seconded a motion to approve the generous donation of \$310.50 by the Cass School District 63 Fine Arts Boosters to go toward the fourth grade trip as presented.*



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Roll call

Aye

Nay

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Member Alavi

Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

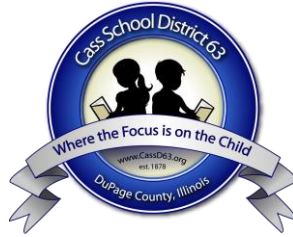
### E. Administrators' Reports

- Principal Anderson highlighted student Sojan Joshi who attended a leadership seminar over the summer. Principal Anderson received a letter from the seminar organizers commending Student Joshi for his contributions to the program.
- Principal Marcinkewicz highlighted the wonderful job teachers are doing integrating technology into the classroom.
- Superintendent Foderaro stated that while the recent police activity in Darien was going on, no one was in any danger. The District made the decision to go into a soft lockdown simply because there was not enough information available so the District erred on the side of caution and went into a soft lockdown only until all information was available.

### **PUBLIC HEARING** – Fiscal Year 2016 District Budget

President Webster opened the Public Hearing to discuss the Fiscal Year 2016 District Budget at 8:24 p.m.

Manager Strande reviewed the Fiscal Year 2016 District Budget which is a balanced budget. Manager Strande shared that there is a good chance that the District will have to go out for Tax Anticipation Warrants in the spring.



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President Webster opened up the meeting to public comment. There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed at 8:35 p.m.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion and Possible Action on Fiscal Year 2016 District Budget

*Vice President Brandeis moved and Secretary Camden seconded a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2016 District Budget as presented.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Webster

Vice President Brandeis

Secretary Camden

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Motion carried, 6 to 0.

#### B. Discussion of Board of Education Committees

- Chairperson Webster stated that the next Finance Committee meeting will be set in the first couple of weeks in October. Tuesdays or Wednesdays are the best days to meet for the committee members
- Community Connection Committee Chairperson Brandeis stated that they are in need of a parent rep and will be meeting soon.
- Principal Anderson stated that Teaching and Learning Committee will be working on Reading Curriculum this year.



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- Chairperson Camden stated that the Policy & Planning Committee will be meeting in the next month.

### C. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Member Assignments

President Webster stated that there are some openings on the Board Committees.

Jeff McCollian, who is slated to be sworn in as a Board of Education Member at the October Board Meeting, was the community representative on the Community Connection Committee. The Board of Education will approach him about remaining on the committee as the additional Board of Education representative.

Member Absalonsen will join the Policy & Planning Committee.

Member Ockrim will join the Foundation and be the Board of Education FAB liaison.

Future Board Member McCollian will possibly be the liaison for the Teaching and Learning Committee. Vice President Brandeis will take that role if Future Member McCollian is not able to take on the role.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion on Sixth Day Student Enrollment Report

Superintendent Foderaro reviewed the Sixth Day Enrollment and noted that the District is down a half section of Prekindergarten from last year.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Teacher Karen Hyder stated that it has been a wonderful beginning to the school year.
- Principal Anderson added that when all the messages were coming in during the recent police activity in Darien and there were a lot of inconsistencies in



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information in the community the staff stepped up immediately and did a wonderful job within the school.

**BOARD MEMBER REMARKS**

- Member Lopez thanked the Board of Education.
- President Webster mentioned that there is a proposal to build a truck stop on Frontage Road in Darien on the south side of Interstate 55. He mentioned it out of concern that if this proposal is approved, it could affect the District bus routes.

**BOARD SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 in the District Community Room.
- The Board received the following FOIA requests from the following individual:
  - Joseph Hart, IEA

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Secretary Camden moved and Vice President Brandeis seconded a motion to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting for September 15, 2015 at 8:56 p.m.*

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

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President, Board of Education

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education