



## CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333

# Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 20, 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 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2015.**

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

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 Ockrim 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 7:30 PM.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Webster

Secretary Camden

Member Absalonsen

Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 4 to 0.



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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Principal Marcinkewicz introduced Teacher Susan Paszkowski, who in turn invited students Nathan McFarland and Dana Euske to lead the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance. Both students are leading the school in collecting recycling to be submitted for a nationwide contest which has schools competing to see who can collect the most recycling within a certain period of time.

### RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Webster welcomed:

Susan Paszkowski  
Lauren Kotzum  
Bill Kotzum  
Jeff McCollian  
Krystyn Cochrane  
Sue Kelsey  
Kimberly Euske  
Bruce McFarland

Audrey Vaci  
Cindy Becker  
Jaclyn Kelly  
Deanna McCollian  
Krista Jamrose  
Larry Kelsey  
James Euske

Anya Schlottmann  
Nancy Kotzum  
Karen Hyder  
Diane Delach  
Christy Sells  
Dana Euske  
Nathan McFarland

### APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE THE REMAINING TERM OF THE VACATED SEAT ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

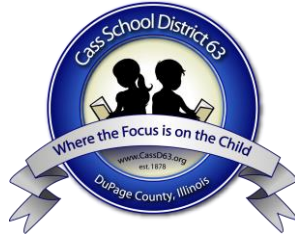
President Webster reviewed the process in which the Board of Education accepted candidate applications and the interview process for those candidates.

*Secretary Camden moved and Member Ockrim seconded a motion to approve Candidate Jeff McCollian to complete the remaining term of the Vacated Seat on the Board of Education. Voice Vote; All Ayes. Motion Carried 4 to 0.*

### NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE

Jeff McCollian, along with the other four Board of Education Members took the Oath of Office. After which, Member McCollian took his seat with the Board of Education.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF TEACHER ASSISTANT CINDY BECKER AND TEACHER LAUREN KOTZUM, "THOSE WHO EXCEL" RECIPIENTS



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Superintendent Foderaro stated that the Illinois State Board of Education's "Those Who Excel" award is a statewide award which recognizes outstanding educators across the state. This year's Cass School District 63 recipients are Cass Junior High School Teacher Lauren Kotzum, and Concord Elementary School Teacher Assistant Cindy Becker. Ms. Kotzum and Ms. Becker were each presented with a crystal memento and a sincere congratulations from the Board of Education.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes of the September 15, 2015 Board of Education Closed Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes of the September 15, 2015 Board of Education Meeting
- C. Receipt of Budget Report – September, 2015
- D. Approval of Payroll – September, 2015
- E. Approval of Bills – October, 2015
- F. Review of Investments – September, 2015
- G. Approval of Personnel Report

*Secretary Camden moved and Member McCollian seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended to include additional bills.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Webster

Secretary Camden

Member Absalonsen

Member McCollian

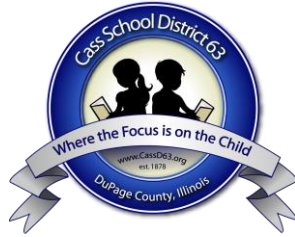
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 5 to 0.

### REPORTS

- A. Cass 63 Foundation for Educational Excellence

Superintendent Foderaro highlighted the raffle fundraiser. Principal Anderson shared that Teacher Janet Miller wrote a grant for Third Grade Classroom books that was approved at last night's meeting.



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B. Parent Teacher Club (PTC)

There was no report.

C. Fine Arts Boosters

There was no report.

D. Administrators' Reports

Principal Anderson shared events at Concord Elementary School highlighting that the focus on bullying prevention throughout the month of October.

Principal Marcinkewicz shared events at Cass Junior High School and highlighted the Band Program.

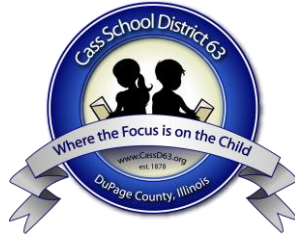
**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Discussion of Board of Education Committees

- Chairperson Webster stated that the Finance Committee met recently to review the audit.
- Chairperson Camden announced that there will be a Policy & Planning Committee Meeting within the next month.
- Principal Anderson stated that there is a Teaching and Learning Committee update in the Board communication.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Property and Liability Insurance Recommendation



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Superintendent Foderaro stated that the plan year ends on October 31 and that this year's proposal is approximately \$1400 less than last year's premium.

*Member McCollian moved and Member Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the property and liability insurance proposal as presented.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Webster

Secretary Camden

Member Absalonsen

Member McCollian

Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 5 to 0.

### B. Discussion and Possible Action to Accept the Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Audit

President Webster stated that the Finance Committee met with Auditor Jim Henry from Evoy, Kamschulte, Jacobs & Co. LLP that conducted the District's 2014/15 audit. Mr. Henry stated that it was a clean audit report. There were no adjustments in the financial statements. The auditor commended the District Fiscal Services Department for their efficiency. President Webster added that there was discussion during the Finance Committee meeting regarding financial trends. President Webster stated that the District is facing decreasing fund balances, which is due in part to the consistently low annual Consumer Price Index, the State of Illinois' financial situation and the Federal Government's ability to pay impact aid in a timely manner.

*Member McCollian moved and Member Ockrim seconded a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2015 Audit as presented.*

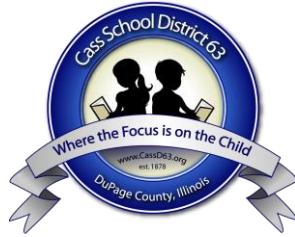
Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Webster

Secretary Camden



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Member Absalonsen  
Member McCollian  
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 5 to 0.

### C. Discussion and Possible Action on Donations by the Darien Rotary Club

Superintendent Foderaro highlighted the donation from the Darien Rotary Club, who donated \$1,085 toward the Cass Junior High School Outdoor Education Program and the Concord Elementary School Prekindergarten Program.

*Secretary Camden moved and Member Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the generous donation in the amount of \$1,085 by the Darien Rotary Club for the Cass Junior High School Outdoor Education Program and the Concord Elementary School Prekindergarten Program as presented.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Webster  
Secretary Camden  
Member Absalonsen  
Member McCollian  
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 5 to 0.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

### BOARD MEMBER REMARKS

- President Webster welcomed and thanked Jeff McCollian for offering to serve on the Board of Education.



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**BOARD SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 in the District Community Room.
  
- The Board received the following FOIA requests from the following individual:
  - Patrick McCraney, Better Government

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Secretary Camden moved and Vice President Brandeis seconded a motion to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting for October 20, 2015 at 8:04 p.m.*

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried, 5 to 0.

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President, Board of Education

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

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Secretary, Board of Education