



Cass School District 63

Board of Education Meeting Briefs Highlights from the August 25, 2020 Meeting

The following Board Briefs are highlights from the Board of Education meeting that was held on the date above. The purpose of the Board Briefs is to provide a timely summary to keep our staff, parents and public informed of the key items that were discussed or acted upon. More detailed information is available under the Board [Agendas, Meetings and Minutes](#) section of the District's website. Official minutes are not posted until approval at the following meeting. Please contact Superintendent Mark Cross or Recording Secretary Gayle Wilson with any questions or if you need additional information.

Key Discussion Items Were As Follows...

- ✓ Mr. Cross reviewed with Board members and guests the recent decision to move to full remote instruction, the items in the COVID-19 health guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health that need to be worked through, as well as the expected additional guidance and metrics that is forthcoming from the DuPage County Health Department.
- ✓ Questions from the audience were welcomed and Mr. Cross addressed the importance of getting more clarity on the guidance so that the school district can make plans accordingly. His research indicated that some of the standards imposed on schools – including the elimination of staff members with a single symptom for 10 to 14 days, 24 hour requirements for vacating rooms with a known or suspected case prior to cleaning and unattainable requirements for personal protective equipment for certain staff – often exceeding what is required in medical facilities.
- ✓ Mr. Cross stated that getting additional clarity on specific requirements, keeping the guidelines consistent and also getting helpful metrics from health officials will help the district move forward. Also discussed was the importance of not bouncing back and forth but making certain any decisions for students to return to school will be as permanent as possible so parents, as well as teachers and staff, can plan accordingly.
- ✓ The Remote Learning Plan was also presented and discussed in detail and this will be provided to parents on Wednesday, August 26. The plan includes the necessary details so that parents know the expectations, guidelines, platforms and schedule.
- ✓ President Shelly Camden thanked the parents who participated, and also commended the administrators, teachers and staff for their work in preparing for a very unusual school year.

In Key Action Items, the Board of Education...

- ✓ Approved the amended 2020-21 School Year Calendar which currently reflects full remote learning. The amended calendar may be viewed at [2020-21 School Year Calendar](#).
- ✓ Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cass Education Association.
- ✓ Accepted the resignations of Katie Kafer, Alyse Lucas, Blair Thompson and Kylie Tunk.
- ✓ Approved and welcomed new school district social worker Kathryn Marks.

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