



# Cass School District 63

## Board of Education Meeting Briefs

### Highlights from the September 15, 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...**

- ✓ The Board of Education held a Public Hearing at which Mr. Cross reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. This budget presented is balanced and revenues and expenditures are unchanged from the budget that was originally presented in June. After the hearing, the Board of Education adopted the [FY21 District Budget](#), which can be found under the link.
- ✓ Mr. Cross reviewed with Board members and guests the details regarding our plans to begin bringing students back to school under the blended Return to Learn Framework. The recommendation is to start with Prekindergarten, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students beginning on Wednesday, September 30, followed by 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students beginning on Tuesday, October 13. Mr. Cross and the Board as well as principals and teachers took questions and held a discussion with those in attendance.
- ✓ Discussion was also held regarding the greater complexity with returning the Cass Junior High School students to the classroom with the schedules and the mixing of students with current health guidelines. Mr. Cross said that the District will continue to work on plans and communicate with parents in the coming days and weeks.
- ✓ Mr. Cross also reviewed the preliminary 2020-21 school year enrollment report.
- ✓ President Shelly Camden added that it is the hope of all of us that we can bring all District students back to in person learning. She then thanked the administration and teachers for all they are doing to ensure a great education and the work and progress toward returning students to the classroom.

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

- ✓ Approved the recommended Board policy updates, which are largely tied to new Title IX regulations and requirements related to the prevention and reporting of sexual harassment. Mr. Cross informed the Board that once updated policies are posted on the District website, he will formally communicate the key updates to staff and will work with the building principals to implement the requirements of the law and new Board policy.
- ✓ Approved the District's Annual Reports on Contracts Exceeding \$25,000 as well as required reports regarding salaries and benefits.

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