



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

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 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.

CLOSED SESSION

Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or employees of the District and the placement of individual students in Special Education or service programs and other matters relating to individual students, including but limited to student discipline and, or tuition based student requests.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Upon roll being called, the following members answered present: President Shelly Camden, Vice President Rich Brandeis, Secretary Alavi, Member Kent Absalonsen, Member Alice Esposito and Member Jeff McCollian. Member Member Ockrim was absent.

Also in attendance:

Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Camden welcomed:

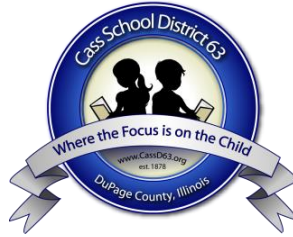
Matthew Etherington
Kristyn Cochrane

Lana Johnson
Karen Hyder

Deanna McCollian
Urszula Tanouye

PUBLIC COMMENT

➤ There was no public comment.



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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes of the June 19, 2018 Board of Education Closed Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes of the June 19, 2018 Board of Education Meeting
- C. Receipt of Budget Report – June, 2018
- D. Receipt of Budget Report – July, 2018
- E. Approval of Payroll – June, 2018
- F. Approval of Payroll – July, 2018
- G. Approval of Bills – July, 2018
- H. Approval of Bills and Additional Bills – August, 2018
- I. Receipt of Investment Report– June, 2018
- J. Receipt of Investment Report– July, 2018
- K. Approval of Personnel Report

Vice President Brandeis moved and Member McCollian seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended to include Additional Bills.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Brandeis

Member Alavi

Member Absalonsen

Member Esposito

Member McCollian

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

REPORTS

- A. **C**ass Resources for Enrichment (CARE) Report

Lana Johnson shared that CARE is off to a great start. There was a last minute change to the CARE leadership as Tracy Wolniakowski, who was slated for the



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President role, unexpectedly moved out of district. Cathy White has stepped into the President role.

CARE's focus is on fundraising with a particular focus on raising money for Band uniforms.

B. Special Recognition of Former CAss Resources for Enrichment (CARE) Co-Presidents

President Camden commended Lana Johnson, Deanna McCollian and April Carter for both their hard work in merging the District's three parent organizations into one and their work during CARE's inaugural year. Each individual was presented with a small token of appreciation.

C. Administrators' Reports

Principal Anderson shared that both schools are completely ready for the new school year. Orientation Day went well at both schools. She also added that Kindi Academy, a private school located behind Concord in a strip mall on Cass Avenue, requested to use some of Concord Elementary School's green space on the southeast of the school property. The District Office is working with Kindi Academy through the District's rental process to address this request for month. If this works, the contract would then be extended.

Principal Anderson stated that crisis planning was updated over the summer with area emergency agencies. The District also updated many facets of the safety and security program for both schools' interior and exterior.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Board of Education Committees

- Chairperson Brandeis shared that Community Connections will begin work on the next Community Connections newsletter after the school year gets



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underway.

- Co-Chairperson Alice Esposito stated that the Facilities Committee did not have an update.
- Chairperson Steve Alavi had no Finance Committee update.
- Chairperson Camden had no update for the Policy & Planning Committee.
- Teaching and Learning Committee Representative, Principal Anderson stated that there is a new advanced placement procedures went into effect on July 1, as a result of new legal requirements in Illinois.

New Business

A. Discussion of and Possible Action on Employee Health & Dental Insurance Proposals

Principal Anderson stated that for the first time in many years, there was a decrease to the proposed cost of the health insurance premiums. The dental insurance will shift to a fully insured plan at no additional cost. The District Insurance Advisory Committee is still working with the District Insurance Broker to move the insurance plan year to begin on January 1, rather October 1.

Secretary Alavi moved and Member Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the insurance proposal as presented.

Roll call

Aye

President Camden

Vice President Brandeis

Member Alavi

Member Absalonsen

Member Esposito

Nay



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Member McCollian

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

- B. Discussion of Search Process for New Superintendent as of July 1, 2020

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Teacher Matt Etherington thanked the Buildings and Grounds Staff, specifically Steve Boutet and Dan Farias, for all their very hard work over the summer; stating the buildings look great.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS

- Secretary Alavi gave his wishes to staff and school families to have a great start to the year.
- President Camden thanked the teachers and staff, wishing them a wonderful start to their year.

BOARD SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 in the District Community Room.
- The District received FOIA requests from Mr. Cupples and Ms. Katy Smyser.

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Alavi moved and Vice President Brandeis seconded a motion to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting for August 21, 2018 at 7:50 p.m.

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



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Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Steve Alavi, Board of Education Secretary