



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 20, 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 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.

CLOSED SESSION

Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or employees of the District.

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 Alice Esposito, Member Kent Absalonsen and Member Lana Johnson. Member Michael Ockrim arrived at 7:45 p.m. Member Jeff McCollian was absent.

Also in attendance:

Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal
Kerry J. Foderaro, Superintendent of Schools
Gayle Wilson, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cass Junior High School Student, Mason White, led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mason is a saxophone player who has recently received high accolades for his talents.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Camden welcomed:

Marie Musil
Jim Fetty
Meg Dooley
Anya Schlottmann
Matt Etherington

Sue Lyons
Bobby Dooley
Katie Fujiura
Katie Summers
Aaron Pembroke

Jen Fetty
Elli Dooley
Kathy Jensen
Kevin Shingler
Karen Hyder



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Fred Amos
Mason White
Urszula Tanouye

Cathy White
Katie Doyle

Chad White
Megan Duffy

PUBLIC COMMENT

➤ There was no public comment.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Concord Elementary School Learning Center Teacher Assistant, Beth Dooley and Cass Junior School Special Education Teacher, Jennifer Fetty were nominated by their peers for the prestigious Those Who Excel Award and they were recently honored by the Illinois State Board of Education last month at a dinner banquet in Normal, Illinois with several hundred other educators statewide. The Board of Education presented them each with a crystal memento in honor of this special recognition.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2018 Board of Education Meeting
- B. Receipt of Budget Report – October, 2018
- C. Approval of Payroll – October, 2018
- D. Approval of Bills and Additional Bills– November, 2018
- E. Receipt of Investment Report–October, 2018
- F. Approval of Personnel Report

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Absalonsen 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

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Motion carried, 6 to 0.

REPORTS

- A. **CAss Resources for Enrichment (CARE) Report**
- B. Discussion of and Possible Action on CAss Resources for Enrichment (CARE) Donation

Superintendent Foderaro stated that this donation is to go toward a Concord Elementary School's Cultural Arts Assembly and Junior Chorus Shirts.

Member Ockrim moved and Vice President Brandeis seconded a motion to approve the generous donation of \$975.00 by the CAss Resources for Enrichment (CARE) for Concord Elementary School's Cultural Arts Assembly and Junior Chorus Shirts as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden
Vice President Brandeis
Member Alavi
Member Absalonsen
Member Esposito
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

- C. **Administrators' Reports**

Principal Anderson shared the various school events occurring during the holiday season, highlighted the recent drive for donations to go toward veterans and the many staff initiatives to ensure all students have gifts this holiday season.



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Superintendent Foderaro added that the Darien Police and Darien-Woodridge Fire Departments also do a “Shop with a Hero” program that students in need participate in.

Superintendent Foderaro also shared that last week was American Education Week and staff was provided with pies from the Board of Education and Administration. During that week was also Board of Education Recognition Day. Each Board Member was presented with a small token of appreciation in honor of this special day.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Board of Education Committees

- Chairperson Brandeis shared that the Community Connections Committee’s next Community Connections Newsletter is scheduled to go out in mid to late January.
- Co-Chairperson Alice Esposito stated that the Facilities Committee recently met and a discussion about a grant opportunity for solar panels at each school to generate a positive cash flow.
- Chairperson Camden stated that there are policy updates on the agenda later in this meeting.
- Teaching and Learning Committee Representative, Principal Anderson discussed the work on the Social Studies, Foreign Language and several other minor curricular areas scheduled for the 2019/20 school year.

B. Discussion of and Possible Action on RFP for an Executive Search Firm

Superintendent Foderaro reviewed the recommended Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Executive Search Firm for a new Superintendent effective July 1,



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2020. Proposals will need to be submitted within 30 days with possible Board interviews to be held prior to and immediately after the January, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

Vice President Brandeis moved and Member Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the RFP for and Executive Search Firm as modified.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden
Vice President Brandeis
Member Alavi
Member Absalonsen
Member Esposito
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

New Business

A. Discussion of Board of Education Policies – First Reading

Committee Chair Camden reviewed the recommended policy updates with the Board. The Board of Education will be requested to take action on these policies at the December, 2018 meeting.

B. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2018 Tax Levy

Superintendent Foderaro reviewed the 2018 Tax Levy Proposal with the Board of Education. The proposal is for a 4.5% increase, but in reality, the actual increase will be approximately 2.37%.

Superintendent Foderaro stated that the Board of Education will be asked to



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officially act on this at the next Board of Education meeting.

C. Discussion of and Possible Action on Employee Health Insurance Proposals

Superintendent Foderaro shared that the District Insurance broker, Vista National, has worked with provider Blue Cross Blue Shield and has persuaded them to agree to move the District's plan year start date from October 1 to January 1, effective this school year. The new proposal starting January 1 will realize a .2 percent drop in cost.

Vice President Brandeis moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to approve the Employee Health Insurance Proposals as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden
Vice President Brandeis
Member Alavi
Member Absalonsen
Member Esposito
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

D. Discussion of and Possible Action on Solar Panel Funding Application

Superintendent Foderaro stated that after meeting with CTS regarding the possible installation of Solar Panels, which could provide the District with a positive cash flow in energy costs, the Facilities Committee is recommending that the District apply for incentive funds, which would be intended for solar panels for the rooftops at both District schools.



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Secretary Esposito moved and Member Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the Solar Panel Application as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

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Vice President Brandeis
Member Alavi
Member Absalonsen
Member Esposito
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS

- There were no Board Member remarks.

BOARD SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 in the District Community Room.
- The District received thank you notes from Teacher Angela Zurawski and from the family of Noreen Woock.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Brandeis moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting for November 20, 2018 at 8:51 p.m.



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

Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Alice Esposito, Board of Education Secretary