



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 18, 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 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.

CLOSED SESSION

Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or employees of the District and the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed for semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated.

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, Member Lana Johnson and Member Jeff McCollian. Member Michael Ockrim arrived at 7:53 p.m.

Also in attendance:

Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal
Christine Marcinkewicz, Cass Junior High School Principal
Kerry J. Foderaro, Superintendent of Schools
Gayle Wilson, Recording Secretary & Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Concord Elementary School Students, Auguste Balciunas, Taylor Finkle, Yunus Hussain and Yacine Ouchen, led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance. These students shared the recent Concord Elementary School Service Project in conjunction with Caring Patriots where students collected food for Thanksgiving meals for Veterans in need.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Camden welcomed:



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Erik Finkle
Farheen Hussain
Rosalinda Ouchen
Auguste Balciunas
Beth Dooley
Katie Doyle

Missi Finkle
Syed Hussain
Mustapha Ouchen
Edvinas Balciunas
Karen Hyder
Urszula Tanouye

Taylor Finkle
Yunus Hussain
Yacine Ouchen
Jurgita Balciunas
Helen Park
Brad Carrino

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes of the December 18, 2018 Board of Education Closed Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes of the December 18, 2018 Board of Education Meeting
- C. Receipt of Budget Report – November, 2018
- D. Approval of Payroll – November, 2018
- E. Approval of Bills and Additional Bills – December, 2018
- F. Receipt of Investment Report – November, 2018
- G. Approval of Personnel Report
- H. Maintain Status of Closed Session Minutes – Semiannual Review

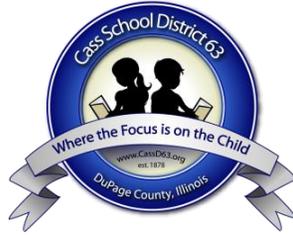
Secretary Esposito moved and Member Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended to include Additional Bills and removing the Personnel Report.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden
Vice President Brandeis
Secretary Esposito
Member Absalonsen
Member Johnson
Member McCollian



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Motion carried, 6 to 0.

REPORTS

A. 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 Art Drying Rack and a STEM Program for Prekindergarten.

Vice President Brandeis moved and Member McCollian seconded a motion to approve the generous donation of \$3,624.38 by the CAss Resources for Enrichment (CARE) for a Concord Elementary School Art Drying Rack and a STEM program for Prekindergarten as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden
Vice President Brandeis
Secretary Esposito
Member Absalonsen
Member Johnson
Member McCollian

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

B. Administrators' Reports

Principal Anderson highlighted the holiday events happening at Concord Elementary School and invited the Board of Education to attend a holiday lunch for staff on Wednesday, December 19.

Principal Marcinkewicz highlighted upcoming holiday Band and Chorus



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concerts and extended an invitation to the Board of Education to a holiday lunch for staff also to be held on Wednesday, December 19.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Board of Education Committees

- Chairperson Brandeis shared that the Community Connections Committee's newsletter is nearing completion.
- Co-Chairperson Alice Esposito stated that the Facilities Committee stated that the next meeting will be upcoming in late January or early February, 2019.
- The Finance Committee will be meeting in February to discuss the five-year projections that will be prepared by Superintendent Foderaro, Director of Fiscal Services Robert Strande and Coordinator of Fiscal Services Deb Dolehide and PMA, the District's Financial Consultants in January.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Education Policies

Superintendent Foderaro stated that these policies recommended by the Policy and Planning Committee and the Administration were presented to the Board of Education in November and that the Board is now being asked to take action on these recommended updates.

Member Absalonsen moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to approve the recommended Board of Education Policies as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden
Vice President Brandeis
Secretary Esposito
Member Absalonsen



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Member Johnson
Member Ockrim
Member McCollian

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

C. Discussion of Executive Search Firm Request for Proposals

Superintendent Foderaro stated that we are awaiting submission of Requests for Proposal and expect at least four firms to submit by the deadline, which is Friday, December 21, 2018. Superintendent Foderaro reviewed the tentative timeline for possible interviews at the January Board of Education meeting which are scheduled to be held prior to and following the January, 2019 regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting.

D. Discussion of and Possible Action on Fiscal Year 2018 Tax Levy

Director of Fiscal Services, Strande reviewed the recommended Tax Levy for a 4.5% increase. He further noted that while the District will levy for 4.5% it will, in reality, realize an increase of approximately 2.37%.

Secretary Esposito moved and Vice President Brandeis seconded a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Tax Levy as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden
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Member Johnson
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Member McCollian



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Motion carried, 7 to 0.

New Business

- A. Discussion and Possible Action on Tax Abatement of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds

Director Strande reviewed the tax abatement and the reasons why the District is required to annually abate.

Vice President Brandeis moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to approve the Tax Abatement of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden
Vice President Brandeis
Secretary Esposito
Member Absalonsen
Member Johnson
Member Ockrim
Member McCollian

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommended Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Property Tax Levy to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Outstanding Limited Bonds of the District

Director Strande reviewed the Supplemental Property Tax Levy.

Member McCollian moved and Member Ockrim seconded a motion to approve the recommended Supplemental Tax Levy as presented.



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Aye

Nay

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Member McCollian

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

C. Discussion of Emergency School Day Closing

Superintendent Foderaro reviewed the changes in state law that outlines how many hours of student attendance constitutes a school day. Due to these changes, the District has additional options and flexibility on how Emergency Closing Days may be made up. The Administration is in the process of considering alternative options so that the District will possibly not need to extend the school year in June.

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, January 15, 2019 in the District Community Room.



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RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Brandeis moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to return to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or employees of the District.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried, 7 to 0

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 p.m. Upon roll being called, the following members answered present: President Shelly Camden, Vice President Rich Brandeis, Secretary Alice Esposito, Member Kent Absalonsen, Member Lana Johnson, Michael Ockrim and Member Jeff McCollian.

Also in attendance:

Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal

Christine Marcinkewicz, Cass Junior High School Principal

Kerry J. Foderaro, Superintendent of Schools

Gayle Wilson, Recording Secretary & Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Vice President Brandeis moved and Member McCollian seconded a motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Brandeis

Secretary Esposito

Member Absalonsen

Member Johnson

Member Ockrim

Member McCollian

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT



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Vice President Brandeis moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting for December 18, 2018 at 9:32 p.m.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried, 7 to 0.

Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Alice Esposito, Board of Education Secretary