



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

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 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

Also in attendance:

Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal

Kerry J. Foderaro, Superintendent of Schools

Gayle L. Wilson, Recording Secretary & Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

CLOSED SESSION

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

Member Absalonsen moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee or employees of the District.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Brandeis

Secretary Esposito (via telephone)

Member Absalonsen

Member Johnson

Member McCollan

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

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 Brandeis, Secretary Alice



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Esposito (via telephone), Member Kent Absalonsen, Member Lana Johnson and Member Jeff McCollian. Member Michael Ockrim arrived at 7:37 p.m.

Also in attendance:

Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal

Kerry J. Foderaro, Superintendent of Schools

Robert Strande, District Director of Fiscal Services

Gayle Wilson, Recording Secretary & Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cass Junior High School student Ella Calo led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ella was the recent recipient of a Darien Women's Club scholarship which afforded her the opportunity to attend a fine art's summer camp this coming summer.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Camden welcomed:

Joan Brandeis

Katie Doyle

Mary Sullivan

Jack Calo

Laura Draper

Matt Etherington

Deb Dolehide

Mike Webster

Bill Carpenter

Anya Schlottman

Karen Calo

Karen Hyder

Ken Kohnke

Brad Carrino

Beth Lopez

Mark Sullivan

Ella Calo

Urszula Tanouye

Leland Wagner

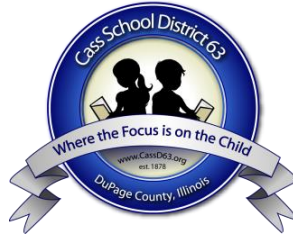
Nicole Carrino

PUBLIC COMMENT

➤ There were no Public Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes of the March 19, 2019 Board of Education Closed Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes of the March 19, 2019 Board of Education Meeting
- C. Receipt of Budget Report – March, 2019
- D. Approval of Payroll – March, 2019
- E. Approval of Bills and Additional Bills – April, 2019



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- F. Receipt of Investment Report – March, 2019
- G. Approval of Personnel Report
- H. Approval of 2019/20 SASSED Classrooms Lease

Superintendent Foderaro highlighted that SASSED is seeking to continue to lease four classrooms at Concord Elementary School and three classrooms at Cass Junior High School.

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

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Brandeis

Secretary Esposito

Member Absalonsen

Member Johnson

Member McCollian

Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

REPORTS

- A. Cass Resources for Enrichment (CARE) Report

Member Johnson shared that CARE recently held a bowling night fundraiser, which raised approximately \$10,000. CARE is currently actively recruiting committee chairs for the 2019/20 school year.

- B. Administrators' Reports

Principal Anderson shared that the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)



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testing has now been completed. The testing ran smoothly with very few difficulties reported.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Board of Education Committees

- Community Connections Chairperson Brandeis stated that he is now handing the reigns to the next chairperson and that they should be beginning work on the next Community Connections Newsletter shortly.
- Chairperson Esposito stated that the next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Superintendent Foderaro stated that the next recommended Board of Education policies are ready to be processed by the Committee, but due to the limited amount of proposed changes, he does not feel a Committee meeting is warranted. He will provide the recommended policies to the Committee and Board of Education in the near future for consideration.

New Business

A. Discussion of and Possible Action on Summer HVAC Project

Superintendent Foderaro stated that recently there was a Facilities Committee Meeting with the District's performance contractor at which time plans for needed HVAC updates were discussed. Last year, it was decided by the Board that \$100,000 would be designated for updating the District's HVAC equipment each year. During the summer of 2018, HVAC controls were updated. This summer, the goal is to target specific school areas that have the most urgent need for updating of their HVAC equipment; Special Education class rooms at Cass Junior High School.

Superintendent Foderaro requested that the Board give the Administration their



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support to complete next steps based on the Facilities Committee recommendations, which will then be presented to the Board of Education at a future meeting.

B. Discussion of and Possible Action on Concord Elementary School Roof Replacement

Superintendent Foderaro reviewed the need for a new roof at Concord Elementary School, which has not been replaced since the building was built in 1977. The Administration would like to combine the installation of the Concord Elementary School Roof with the installation of the Rooftop Solar Panels, if the District receives a grant for the panels.

C. Discussion of and Possible Action on Concord Elementary School & Cass Junior High School Rooftop Solar Panels

Chairperson Esposito stated that the District should learn whether or not it was approved for the Solar Panel Grant it applied for through the District's performance contractor in the next few days. Should it be approved, the Administration will seek Board of Education approval for installation of the solar panels at both District's schools.

D. Discussion of and Possible Action on Technology Devices Lease

Assistant Principal Wagner reviewed the recommended Technology Device Lease for students and staff.

Vice President Brandeis moved and Member Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the Technology Devices Lease as presented.

Roll call

Aye

President Camden

Vice President Brandeis

Nay



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Motion carried, 7 to 0.

E. Discussion of and Possible Action on Internet Service Contract

Assistant Principal Wagner stated that this Internet Service Contract will afford the District a significant increase in bandwidth with minimal additional cost.

Member Absalonsen moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to approve the Internet Services Contract as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

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

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

F. Discussion of and Possible Action on District Website Development, Management & Support Contract

The District's current website provider contract ends on June 30. The recommended website company would develop and support, both the District website and upgrade the school family communications system. This change in



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website companies comes with a cost savings over the previous company.

Member Johnson moved and Vice President Brandeis seconded a motion to approve the District Website Development, Management and Support Contract as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

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Secretary Esposito
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Motion carried, 7 to 0.

G. Discussion of and Possible Action on 2019/20 School Year Curriculum Adoptions

District Director of Teaching and Learning Laura Anderson presented the Teaching and Learning Committee's recommendations for curriculum updates in Social Sciences, Skills for Learning, Spanish, Band and Music. The curriculum recommendations do come in under budget for these adoptions. Director Anderson highlighted a grant that Cass Junior High School Teacher, Katie Doyle, secured, which was in excess of \$154,000 and allowed the District to significantly enhance the Spanish curriculum, which in turn afforded more ability to enhance the other noted subject areas as well.

Member McCollian moved and Vice President Brandeis seconded a motion to approve the Curriculum Adoptions for the 2019/20 School Year as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay



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Motion carried, 7 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS

- There were no Board Member Remarks.

BOARD SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- The Board of Education Reorganization Meeting is scheduled to immediately follow this meeting.
- The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the District Community Room.
- The Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF VICE PRESIDENT RICH BRANDEIS

- Superintendent Foderaro thanked Vice President Rich Brandeis for his 12 years of service on the Board of Education. Superintendent Foderaro added that Vice



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President Brandeis' children have long since moved on from Cass School District 63 but Vice President Brandeis stayed to continue his work on the Board.

- President Camden expressed her thanks to Vice President Brandeis and expressed her appreciation for their time on the Board together. She then presented Vice President Brandeis with a crystal memento.
- Member Ockrim shared his appreciation for Vice President Brandeis and how much he helped him with his transition on to the Board of Education. Member Ockrim stated he has always respected the care and compassion Vice President Brandeis has shown on the Board.
- Member Johnson offered her thank you and stated that most parents have no idea what it takes to run a school district and shared what a grant example Vice President Brandeis has set for all Board Members.
- Secretary Esposito, Member Absalonsen and Member McCollian all extended their thank yous to Vice President Brandeis.
- Director of Fiscal Services Strande shared his appreciation for Vice President Brandeis' professionalism and care. Director Strande shared he has worked with a lot of Board Members over the years and Vice President Brandeis is one of the best.
- Former Board Member Bill Carpenter shared his thanks for Vice President Brandeis' dedication even after his children had graduated from the District and the added that the District is in the position it is today in large part due to him.
- Mary Sullivan thanked Vice President Brandeis for his dedication to give 12 years of service to the Board of Education. She shared that the community appreciates Vice President Brandeis.



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- Former Board Member Beth Lopez added her thanks to Vice President Brandeis and stated her appreciation for the integrity and passion he brings to this Board and the community as a whole.
- Former Board Member Laura Draper thanked Vice President Brandeis and shared a memory of a challenging election and the integrity he showed even during a difficult time.
- Former Board President Mike Webster added his thanks and stated how great it was to work with Vice President Brandeis. One of the greatest nights of his tenure with the Board was when Vice President Brandeis joined the Board as he knew it would be a turning point in helping the District to move forward.
- Joan Brandeis shared a message from her and letters from Vice President Brandeis' sons, who shared their appreciation for what their father sacrificed to support Cass School District 63.
- Vice President Brandeis then spoke. He shared that Cass is such a special place and he knows that the current Board will continue to carry Cass School District 63 forward. He thanked everyone he had the pleasure of working with on the Board of Education and stated it was an honor to be part of the Board for the past 12 years.

DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE AND SECRETARY PRO-TEMPORE

Member Johnson moved and Member Absalonsen seconded a motion to appoint Kerry Foderaro President Pro-Tem and Gayle Wilson as Secretary Pro-Tem. Voice Vote; All Ayes. Motion Carried 7 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Brandeis moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn this Board of Education Meeting of April 23, 2019 and officially conclude the service of the 2017-2019 Board of Education "Sine die". All Ayes. Motion Carried 7 to 0.



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Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Alice Esposito, Board of Education Secretary