



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561

Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education of Cass School District 63, DuPage County, Illinois; held at Indian Prairie Public Library at 7:00 P.M. on the 9th Day of July, 2024.

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Upon roll being called, the following members answered present: President Lana Johnson, Vice President Rinku Patel, and members Chris Green, Katie Marinelli, Liz Mitha, and Steve Wyent. Secretary Urszula Tanouye was absent.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Mark R. Cross, and Recording Secretary and Administrative Assistant Gayle Wilson.

C. Recognition of Audience, Announcements, and Correspondence

There were no audience members.

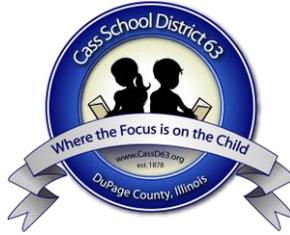
D. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. Reports, Updates, and Informational Items

A. Update Regarding Joint Food Service Management Request for Proposals

Mr. Cross reviewed a summary of the proposals from three potential food service management companies for the 2024-25 lunch program. This concluded a long process working with our partner Center Cass School District 66, while complying with the rules and regulations through the National School Lunch Program and the Illinois State Board of Education.



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B. Review of Recommended Food Service Management Company Vended Fixed Price Meal Contract

Mr. Cross shared that after completing required taste testings, reviewing proposals, and checking references on all three potential vendors, the six-member committee of the two school districts was unanimous in the recommendation to move forward with Just A Dash Catering as the food service vendor for the 2024-25 school year.

Mr. Cross shared with the Board that he believes Just A Dash will provide high quality and fresh lunches for our students, with more transparency related to ingredients and nutritional value. This will end the current partnership with Aramark, who has been the lunch program provider for District 63 for many years.

III. Recommended Action Items

A. Approval of Recommended Food Service Management

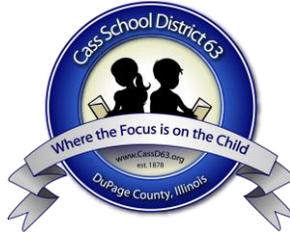
Vice President Patel moved and Member Green seconded a motion to approve a food service management company vended fixed price meal contract with Just A Dash Catering for the 2024-25 school year.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Vice President Patel, Member Green, Member Marinelli, Member Mitha, Member Wyent, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 6 to 0.

B. Approval of 2024-25 Food Service Agreement with Center Cass School District 66

Mr. Cross stated that this intergovernmental agreement is an annual agreement with District 66 to continue our partnership to run the lunch program.

Member Marinelli moved and Member Mitha seconded a motion to approve the 2024-25 Food Service Agreement with Center Cass School District 66.



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Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Marinelli, Member Mitha, Member Green, Member Wyent, Vice President Patel, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 6 to 0.

C. Approval of 2024-25 Student Lunch Fees

Mr. Cross reviewed the results of the parent survey that was conducted in the spring which showed that parents overall were supportive of keeping the prices as low as possible, while also achieving the goal of improving quality. After holding some discussion on costs and how reimbursements work, the Board was in agreement to establish the 2024-25 lunch prices at \$4.00, and later review pricing for the 2025-26 year to see if adjustments are necessary.

Member Wyent moved and Member Green seconded a motion to approve the student lunch fee cost at \$4.00 for the 2024-25 school year.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Member Green, Member Marinelli, Member Mitha, Vice President Patel, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 6 to 0.

IV. Conclusion

A. Public Comments

There was no public comment.

B. Board Member Comments

There were no board member comments.

C. Adjournment

Member Wyent moved and Vice President Patel seconded a motion to adjourn this Board of Education Special Meeting of July 9, 2024 at 7:52 p.m.

Voice Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Vice President Patel, Member Green, Member Marinelli, Member Mitha, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 6 to 0.



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Lana Johnson, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Urszula Tanouye, Board of Education Secretary