



## **CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63**

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# **Board of Education Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education of Cass School District 63, DuPage County, Illinois; held at Cass Junior High School at 7:00 P.M. on the 26th Day of September, 2023.

### **I. Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Secretary Urszula Tanouye and Members Chris Green, Katie Marinelli, Liz Mitha and Steve Wyent.

Also in attendance: Mark R. Cross, Superintendent, Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal and Christine Marcinkewicz, Cass Junior High School Principal

#### **C. Recognition of Audience, Announcements and Correspondence**

President Johnson welcomed Katie Summers and Christy Sells.

Mrs. Johnson stated that the district had one FOIA request from Janine Asmus which has been fulfilled.

#### **D. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **II. Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Approval of the September 26, 2023 Meeting Agenda**

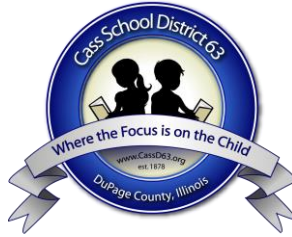
#### **B. Approval of the August 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

#### **C. Approval of the August 22, 2023 Closed Session Minutes**

#### **D. Approval of the Budget, Cash Flow, Investment and Payroll Reports**

#### **E. Approval of the District Bills**

#### **F. Approval of Employee Resignations**



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Mr. Cross reviewed the consent agenda highlighting the resignation from Cass Junior High part-time speech pathologist Sue Binder.

*Member Marinelli moved and Secretary Tanouye seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.*

*Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Marinelli, Secretary Tanouye, Member Green, Member Mitha, Member Wyent, Vice President Patel and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 7 to 0.*

#### **III. Public Presentation and Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget**

*Member Wyent moved and Member Marinelli seconded a motion to enter the public hearing for the fiscal year 2024 budget for Cass School District 63.*

*Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Member Marinelli, Member Green, Member Mitha, Secretary Tanouye, Vice President Patel and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 7 to 0.*

Superintendent Mark Cross reviewed the proposed fiscal year 2024 budget. He said there were no substantive changes with the budget that was originally presented last month. Budgeted expenditures for FY24 are just under \$15 million for the regular budget, and with the geothermal HVAC and safety and security work included, the total budget is approximately \$21 million.

There was no public comment.

*Member Green moved and Member Mitha seconded a motion to close the public hearing for the fiscal year 2024 budget for Cass School District 63.*

*Voice Vote – Aye: Member Green, Member Mitha, Member Marinelli, Member Wyent, Secretary Tanouye, Vice President Patel and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 7 to 0.*

#### **IV. Reports, Updates and Informational Items**



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#### **A. Administrative Reports**

Dr. Anderson and Mrs. Marcinkewicz gave brief updates on their respective schools highlighting the improvements being made with communication to parents from the schools.

#### **B. 2023-24 Enrollment Update**

Mr. Cross reviewed the current enrollment numbers noting that enrollment is up over last year's numbers bringing our total enrollment over the 800 student threshold.

#### **C. Second Reading of Recommended Board Policy Updates**

Mr. Cross noted that these recommended policies were presented at last month's meeting and most are simple five-year reviews with little or no changes.

#### **D. Update Regarding Federal Impact Aid Advocacy and Funding**

Mr. Cross reviewed where the district stands on Federal Impact Aid funding noting that the district typically receives around \$400,000 annually in federal impact aid funding. However, if the 1,781 acres in federal land that sits within district boundaries were taxable, the district would have generated an estimated \$5,272,197 in local property taxes. This means that on a per acre basis, federal impact aid replaces just 8 cents of every dollar lost to federal property, which puts our school district at a huge disadvantage.

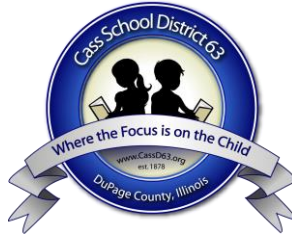
#### **E. Update and Discussion Regarding Facility, Safety, and Security Projects**

Mr. Cross stated that the bid process has begun for the next phase of the HVAC project slated to be completed in the summer of 2024. He added that the BluePoint pull stations have been installed at both schools.

#### **V. Recommended Action Items**

##### **A. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget**

*Member Wyent moved and Member Mitha seconded a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.*



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Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Member Mitha, Member Green, Member Marinelli, Secretary Tanouye, Vice President Patel and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 7 to 0.

#### **B. Employment of Recommended Personnel**

*Member Marinelli moved and Member Green seconded a motion to approve Meagan Garcia for the position Concord teacher assistant effective September 18, 2023.*

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Marinelli, Member Green, Member Mitha, Member Wyent, Secretary Tanouye, Vice President Patel and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 7 to 0.

#### **C. Approval of Recommended Board Policy Updates**

*Secretary Tanouye moved and Vice President Patel seconded a motion to approve the recommended Board policy updates as presented.*

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Secretary Tanouye, Vice President Patel, Member Green, Member Marinelli, Member Mitha, Member Wyent, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 7 to 0.

#### **D. Approval of Recommended District Concussion Oversight Team Members**

Mr. Cross explained that the Board is required to approve the Concussion Oversight Team members annually. He recommended that the team remain the same as last year's team, which includes Mrs. Marcinkewicz, Mr. Cross, Mrs. Beringer, Ms. Pollitz, Mr. Mitchell and Dr. Patel. Member Marinelli referenced the idea of including a speech-language pathologist on the committee as well. Mr. Cross said anyone could be added to or included on the committee and will look into that as well.

*Member Wyent moved and Member Green seconded a motion to approve the District Concussion Oversight Team Members.*



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Voice Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Member Green, Member Marinelli, Member Mitha, Secretary Tanouye, Vice President Patel and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 7 to 0.

**E. Approval of Date, Time and Location for the eLearning Plan Public Hearing**

*Member Green moved and Vice President Patel seconded a motion to set the eLearning Plan Public Hearing for Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. during the regular board meeting.*

Voice Vote – Aye: Member Green, Vice President Patel, Member Marinelli, Member Mitha, Member Wyent, Secretary Tanouye, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 7 to 0.

**F. Acknowledgement of Board of Education’s Role as DCFS Mandated Reporters**

*Mr. Cross explained that it is an annual requirement that the Board of Education acknowledge their understanding of this important responsibility.*

*Member Green moved and Vice President Patel seconded a motion to acknowledge the Board of Education’s role as DCFS mandated reporters.*

Voice Vote – Aye: Member Green, Vice President Patel, Member Marinelli, Member Mitha, Member Wyent, Secretary Tanouye, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 7 to 0.

**VI. Conclusion**

**A. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**B. Board Member Comments**

There were no Board member comments.

**VII. Adjournment**

*Member Mitha moved and Vice President Patel seconded a motion to adjourn this Board of Education Meeting of September 26, 2023 at 8:42 p.m.*



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Voice Vote – Aye: Member Mitha, Vice President Patel, Member Green, Member Marinelli, Member Wyent, Secretary Tanouye, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 7 to 0.

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Lana Johnson, Board of Education President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Urszula Tanouye, Board of Education Secretary