



Cass School District 63

Board of Education Meeting Briefs Highlights from the October 20, 2020 Meeting

The following Board Briefs are highlights from the Board of Education meeting that was held on the date above. The purpose of the Board Briefs is to provide a timely summary to keep our staff, parents and public informed of the key items that were discussed or acted upon. More detailed information is available under the Board [Agendas, Meetings and Minutes](#) section of the District's website. Official minutes are not posted until approval at the following meeting. Please contact Superintendent Mark Cross or Recording Secretary Gayle Wilson with any questions or if you need additional information.

Key Discussion Items Were as Follows...

- ✓ Director of Fiscal Services Deb Dolehide and Superintendent Mark Cross presented the Board of Education with the Fiscal Year 2020 Audit and Annual Financial Report. The school district's auditor recently presented the audit to the Finance Committee. The FY20 audit was completely clean with no negative findings or concerns. There were no modifications to any transactions or preliminary ending fund balances from June 30.
- ✓ Mr. Cross and Finance Committee Chair Alice Esposito explained the approach Mr. Cross and the school district is taking with the goal of managing expenditures, avoiding the future issuance of tax anticipation warrants and working to build healthy fund balances that are within recommended guidelines.
- ✓ The Board was presented with the proposed renewal of property, liability, commercial umbrella and worker compensation insurance. Effective November 1, the total cost for these lines of insurance is \$98,845 versus \$97,996 for the current year, which is an increase of slightly less than 1 percent.
- ✓ The Board of Education was also presented with the updated School Reimagined – Return to Learn Framework, which has been communicated to staff, parents and the school community. The new framework has been updated to reflect the guidelines involved with the return to a blended in-person schedule while also incorporating the remote plan for those at home.
- ✓ Mr. Cross reviewed the current status of the DuPage County COVID-19 data and metrics and explained in detail how the school district is using this data along with what is taking place within the community and our local schools to inform decisions in Cass School District 63.

In Key Action Items, the Board of Education...

- ✓ Approved the FY20 audit, insurance renewal and Return to Learn Framework as presented.
- ✓ Approved special Board meeting dates of Tuesday, October 17 at 7:15 p.m. and Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for interviewing candidates to fill the current Board vacancy.
- ✓ Approved the employment of Jessica Scharf as school psychologist.
- ✓ Board Members took a moment to thank the teachers, administrators and staff who have worked tirelessly to bring our students back in the classroom while also making sure that students who are remaining remote are receiving the same level of instruction. It is not an easy job under the best of circumstances and the Board of Education wanted the teachers and staff to know that their efforts are greatly appreciated by so many people.

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