



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Minutes of the Regular 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 13th Day of December, 2022.

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Upon roll being called, the following members answered present: President Shelly Camden, Vice President Lana Johnson, Secretary Alice Esposito and Members Chris Green, Rinku Patel, Urszula Tanouye and Steve Wyent.

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

C. Recognition of Audience, Announcements and Correspondence

President Camden welcomed the following guests: Deb Dolehide and Katie Fujiura.

D. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. Consent Agenda

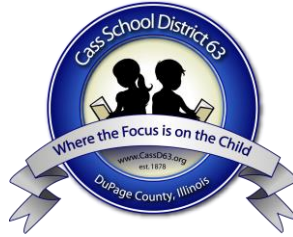
A. Approval of the December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda

B. Approval of the November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

C. Approval of the Budget, Cash Flow, Investment and Payroll Reports

D. Approval of the District Bills

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda to include additional bills as presented.



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

III. Public Presentation and Hearing for Truth-In-Taxation 2022 Tax Levy Year

Vice President Johnson moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to enter into the public truth in taxation hearing.

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

Mr. Cross reviewed the recommended 2022 tax levy, which is unchanged from the tentative levy that was presented in November. The recommended levy of \$10,360,739 excluding debt service is an increase of 5.42 percent over last year's actual extension of \$9,828,058. The average annual revenue growth from local property taxes over the previous 12 years in Cass 63 is just under two percent.

Mrs. Camden opened to floor to questions and none were put forth.

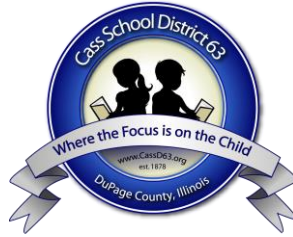
Vice President Johnson moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to close the public hearing for the truth in taxation 2022 levy year.

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

IV. Reports, Updates and Informational Items

A. Administrative Reports

Mr. Cross reviewed the administrative reports highlighting the STEM classroom at Concord. Mr. Cross suggested that the Board consider holding the March or April meeting at Concord and invite students to attend the meeting and share some of what they have been doing in STEM.



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B. CARE Reports and Grant Funding

Mr. Cross noted that there was no meeting this month, however he met with officers of CARE to discuss possible shifts to some of CARE's procedures, especially in respect to acceptance and awarding of teacher grants.

C. Quarterly Strategic Plan Progress Review

Mr. Cross gave an overview of the progress made to date on the Vision 2025 Strategic Plan. Adopted just over a year ago, he highlighted the significant progress the district has made in the three pillars of Academic Growth and Achievement, Student Services and Support and Student Health and Safety.

D. Presentation of the 2022 School Report Cards

Mr. Cross reviewed the Concord Elementary, Cass Junior High and Cass District 63 2022 school report cards and provided some highlights during the meeting. He shared that the principals and staff will share more on our progress with student growth at the January Board meeting, and he will also share more information with parents and the school community.

E. First Reading of Recommended Board Policy Updates

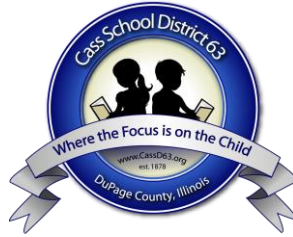
Mr. Cross reviewed the recommended Board policy updates which are largely routine. Assuming a committee meeting is not necessary, final language will be developed and the policies will be recommended for adoption in January.

F. Report of Certified Results of the November 8, 2022 Referendum

Mr. Cross briefly reviewed the certified results of the November 8, 2022 referendum.

G. Update and Discussion Regarding Student Transportation Services

Mr. Cross gave an overview of the transportation services and the escalating difficulties the district is experiencing in ensuring reliable, consistent transportation for our families due to staff shortages and difficulties obtaining new drivers as well as an aging bus fleet. He stated that by far the biggest concern is being able to secure new drivers under the current requirements and mandates.



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As a result, Mr. Cross presented the idea of going out to bid for regular transportation services to see what the cost would be to allow a third party to manage this service for the district. Going out to bid does not require the District to choose to outsource this service, but it does give an additional option for the Board to decide how to move forward in the 2023-24 school year with transportation services. Mr. Cross also stated that the intention is to keep our current drivers who do an excellent job. He is still working on the details, but district drivers would have the option of driving special routes that are currently outsourced, or they could have the option of driving our regular routes for the private entity that is potentially awarded the bid. He will update the Board more at the January meeting.

V. Recommended Action Items

A. Adoption of Resolution for Approval of the 2022 Tax Levy

Vice President Johnson moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to approve the 2022 Tax Levy.

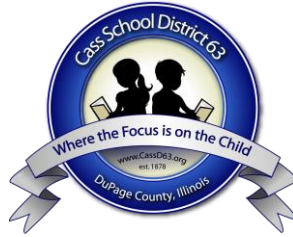
Roll Call Vote – Aye: Vice President Johnson, Member Patel, Member Green, Member Tanouye, Member Wyent, Secretary Esposito and President Camden.
Nay: None. Motion carried 7 to 0.

B. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Property Tax Levy to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Outstanding Limited Bonds

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Wyent seconded a motion to adopt a Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Property Tax Levy to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Outstanding Limited Bonds

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

C. Adoption of Resolution Providing for the Issue of Not to Exceed \$5,400,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023, for the Purpose of Paying Costs of Certain Capital Projects and Paying



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

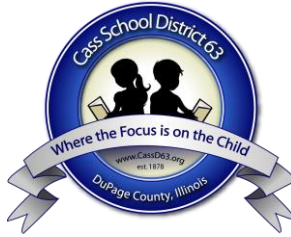
D. Authorization to Seek Qualified Bidders for Student Transportation Services

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to authorize the superintendent to seek qualified bidders for student transportation services.

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

E. Acceptance of Resignations

Member Tanouye moved and Vice President Johnson seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Olesya Leopoldo as a teacher assistant effective December 9, 2022.



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

VI. Conclusion

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

B. Board Member Comments

- Lana Johnson thanked everyone who worked so hard to help get the referendum passed. Mr. Cross added his appreciation to all who supported the referendum.
- Mr. Cross shared that one third of the Illinois State Scholars at Hinsdale South this year were Cass Junior High graduates.
- Rinku Patel thanked Shelly Camden and Alice Esposito for their years of service as they are heading into the final months of their tenure.

VI. Adjournment

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to adjourn this Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 13, 2022 at 9:21 p.m.

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

Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Alice Esposito, Board of Education Secretary