



## CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

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# Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

**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 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.**

### OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Upon roll being called, the following members answered present: Vice President Absalonsen (via telephone), Secretary Alice Esposito, Member Brad Carrino, Member Lana Johnson and Member Michael Ockrim. President Shelly Camden and Member Jeff McCollian were absent.

Also in attendance:

Kerry J. Foderaro, Superintendent of Schools

Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal

Christine Marcinkewicz, Cass Junior High School Principal

Gayle Wilson, Recording Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cass Junior High School students Amanda Esposito and Maya Hashim led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance. These students are in the Advanced Art Illustration class and recently assisted in planning, creating and painting the murals in the stairways and hallway leading to the STEM lab at Cass Junior High School.

### RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Secretary Esposito presided over the meeting and welcomed:

Fred Amos  
Megan Duffy-Legan  
Matt Etherington  
Katie Fujiura

Joe Esposito  
Ken Kohnke  
Lilly Hashim  
Mark Cross

Amanda Esposito  
Savanna Miska  
Maya Hashim

### PUBLIC COMMENT



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- There was no Public Comment.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes of the December 17, 2019 Board of Education Meeting
- B. Receipt of Budget Report – December, 2019
- C. Approval of Payroll – December, 2019
- D. Approval of Bills and Additional Bills – January, 2020
- E. Receipt of Investment Report – December, 2019
- F. Approval of Personnel Report

*Member Johnson moved and Member Ockrim seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with Additional Bills and removing Item F Approval of Personnel Report.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

Vice President Absalonsen

Secretary Esposito

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 5 to 0.

### REPORTS

- A. **C**ass Resources for Enrichment (CARE) Report

Member Johnson shared Trivia Night is Friday, January 24 and it is just about sold out. Ladies' Night is coming up in February. She lastly shared that CARE Board officer elections are in April for the 2020/21 school year.

- B. Administrators' Reports



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- Principal Anderson shared that the Band and Chorus from Cass Junior High School performed last week at Concord Elementary School. The Chicago Blackhawks Education Team held a Hockey Clinic with the Fourth Grade Students this week and the students had a wonderful time.
- Principal Marcinkewicz shared that they have recently held both Band and Choral concerts. At a recent weekend band festival another school's Band Teacher emailed Teacher Duffy-Legan to compliment her on how wonderful the Cass Junior High School Band sounded. Principal Marcinkewicz then stated that Eighth Grade Students are gearing up for the end of their time at Cass Junior High School with graduation photos, meetings with their perspective high schools and plans for end of the school year events.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion of Board of Education Committees

- Chairperson Johnson stated that the Community Connections Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to discuss the spring newsletter.
- Superintendent Foderaro stated that the Facilities Committee will meet in February to discuss upcoming summer 2020 projects.
- Superintendent Foderaro stated that the Finance Committee will meet in February to discuss five-year fiscal projections.

#### B. Discussion of and Possible Action on Recommended Board of Education Policies - Second Reading

*Member Ockrim moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to approve the recommended Board Policies as presented.*

Roll call

Aye

Vice President Absalonsen

Secretary Esposito

Nay



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Member Carrino  
Member Johnson  
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 5 to 0.

### New Business

#### A. Discussion of and Possible Action on State Maintenance Grant

Superintendent Foderaro stated that a few years ago the District applied for and was approved to receive a maintenance grant and this year the state is offering the grant again. The District has a small window of time to submit the application and in order to move forward the Administration will need the Board's approval of the next HVAC project. The Administration is asking the Board to support the Administration in applying for the \$50,000 matching grant, which, if approved, will be added to the \$150,000 HVAC project the Administration had budgeted for the summer of 2020.

*Member Ockrim moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to approve a 2020 Summer HVAC Project, not to exceed \$200,000 for the State of Illinois Maintenance Grant Application as presented.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

Vice President Absalonsen  
Secretary Esposito  
Member Carrino  
Member Johnson  
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 5 to 0.

#### B. Discussion of and Possible Action on Life Safety Surveys



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Public School Districts in Illinois are required to conduct a Life Safety Survey every ten years. District architects, Healy, Bender & Associates (“Healy”), conducted the survey in 2017 and submitted it to the State this past summer. The Administration is asking the Board of Education to approve Healy’s submission. Once this is complete, Healy will submit a mid-term report to the State.

*Member Ockrim moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to approve the Life Safety Surveys for both Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School as presented.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

Vice President Absalonsen

Secretary Esposito

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

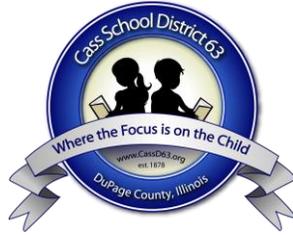
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 5 to 0

### C. Discussion of and Possible Action on Authorizing the Administration to Develop the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

Superintendent Foderaro shared the Administration is requesting that the Board of Education authorize them to begin work on the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. The Administration plans to present the Tentative Budget to the Finance Committee in May, to the Board of Education in June and recommend to the Board of Education for formal adoption in September.

*Member Ockrim moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to Authorize the Administration to Develop the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. Voice vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried 5 to 0.*



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#### **D. Discussion of 2020/21 School Calendar**

Superintendent Foderaro stated that the Administration is planning to present a recommended 2020/21 School Calendar to the Board at the February Board of Education Meeting. The Administration's intent each year is to mirror Winter and Spring Break with Hinsdale High School District 86's school calendar. Keeping this in mind, Hinsdale High School District 86 is planning to undergo construction during the next couple of summers, which then may in turn alter their Winter and Spring Breaks. The Administration warns that due to these events in District 86, it will more challenging these upcoming years to synchronize breaks.

#### **E. Discussion of 2020/21 School Fees**

Superintendent Foderaro stated that the Administration plans to present fee recommendations for the 2020/21 school year to the Board of Education in February. In the past, fees have been increased in relationship to the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U). The CPI-U for this year is 2.3% and the Administration plans to continue to utilize this variable in calculating the fee recommendations.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- There was no Public Comment.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REMARKS**

- There were no Board Member Remarks.

#### **BOARD SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in the District Community Room.



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- The Board of Education received a thank you note from the family of Bill Laasch.

**CLOSED SESSION**

*Member Johnson moved and Member Ockrim 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. Voice vote; All Ayes. Motion Carried 5 to 0.*

Upon return from Closed Session:

*Member Johnson moved and Member Ockrim seconded a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item F Personnel Report as presented.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

Vice President Absalonsen

Secretary Esposito

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 5 to 0

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Member Ockrim moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn this Board of Education Meeting of January 21, 2020 at 8:27 p.m. Voice vote; All Ayes. Motion Carried 5 to 0.*

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Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Alice Esposito, Board of Education Secretary