



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

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 24th Day of January, 2023.

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 Shelly Camden, Vice President Lana Johnson and Members Chris Green, Rinku Patel, Urszula Tanouye and Steve Wyent. Secretary Alice Esposito was absent.

Also in attendance: Mark R. Cross, Superintendent, Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal, Christine Marcinkewicz, Cass Junior High School Principal and Gayle Wilson, Recording Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

C. Recognition of Audience, Announcements and Correspondence

President Camden welcomed the following guests: Karen Mosquera, Kristen Orr, Karen Hyder, Lisa Daly, Katie Fujiura, Jessica Ruiz, Filomena DeChiara, Shelby Riha, Courtney Cozzolino and Christy Sells.

Mrs. Camden stated that the district had received three FOIA requests that have all been fulfilled.

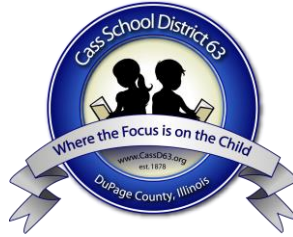
D. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda

B. Approval of the December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes



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- C. Approval of the Budget, Cash Flow, Investment and Payroll Reports**
- D. Approval of the District Bills**
- E. Approval of Requests for Employee Leaves of Absence**

Member Wyent moved and Member Green seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

III. Reports, Updates and Informational Items

A. Administrative Reports

Dr. Anderson gave an update on Concord Elementary highlighting the upcoming Kindergarten Round-Up and prekindergarten screenings which will help determine how many students we will have in the fall of 2023.

Mrs. Marcinkewicz gave updates for Cass Junior High highlighting another successful start to the chess team season and a conference meet scheduled for February 10 at Cass Junior High School.

Mr. Cross announced that every employee of the district has now completed the ALICE training and that Dr. Anderson, Mrs. Marcinkewicz and himself are all certified ALICE instructors. At the upcoming school improvement day, the three administrators and Darien police officers will meet with staff at each building to review ALICE procedures in more depth.

Mr. Cross noted that the closing date for the first bond sale is February 15 and the District was able to secure a lower interest rate than planned.

B. CARE Reports and Grant Funding

Lana Johnson shared that CARE held their January meeting and they are restructuring how they do their meetings and how teachers submit grants. She added that the next big fundraiser is the golf outing scheduled for the



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last day of school. Urszula Tanouye added that future fundraising is targeted toward more impactful education expenditures, rather than more routine items that can be maintained in the district budget.

C. Second Reading of Recommended Board Policy Updates

Mr. Cross presented the recommended Board policy updates and noted that there have been no changes from last month when the recommended updates were first presented.

D. Presentation Regarding Student Learning and Academic Growth

Several teachers and administrators presented details regarding the academic growth of our students, as well as some of our interventions and efforts to support our students in the areas of math and reading.

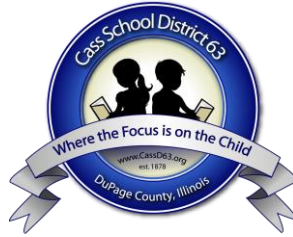
Concord Assistant Principal Katie Doyle shared an overview of student growth on the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment compared to national norms. At every grade level, our students are above national norms, and typically significantly so. The most important use of the data is to identify areas of need, target professional development, use the discussions to inform instruction, establish student growth goals, and analyze the patterns to improve student achievement.

Concord math interventionist Karen Mosquera presented on Response to Intervention (commonly referred to as RtI or Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) interventions and growth in the area of math. This included information on the district's IXL program, as well as NWEA MAP scores.

Reading specialists Christy Sells and Courtney Cozzolino presented RtI data in the area of reading. This included more information on what RtI is, the five essential components of reading and how each of these components are assessed. They shared samples of assessment data for letter sounds at kindergarten and informal decoding for grades 1 through 4.

IV. Recommended Action Items

A. Employment of Recommended Personnel



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Member Patel moved and Member Tanouye seconded a motion to approve Hajar Cummings for the position of Concord Elementary School Teacher Assistant.

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

B. Approval of Recommended Board of Education Policy Updates

Vice President Johnson moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to adopt the recommended board policy updates as presented, including a review of Bullying Policy 7:180 in which no changes were deemed to be necessary.

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

C. Approval of Date, Time and Location for Special Meeting and Public Hearing Regarding Potential Bidding for Regular Student Transportation Services

Member Wyent moved and Vice President Johnson seconded a motion to approve Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Community Room of Cass School District 63 to hold the public hearing regarding potential bidding for regular student transportation services.

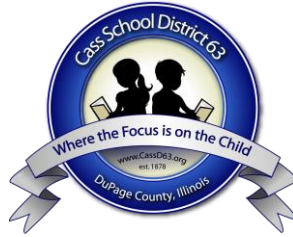
Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Vice President Johnson, Member Green, Member Patel, Member Tanouye and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 6 to 0.

V. Conclusion

A. Public Comments

Katie Fujiura said how much she enjoyed hearing the teacher presentations and how exciting it is to have teachers so passionate about making significant changes to benefit the students, even though it will be a difficult transition.

B. Board Member Comments



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- Mr. Wyent and Mrs. Camden thanked the teachers for their hard work in making a shift to the way we teach reading and for presenting those adjustments to the Board.
- Mr. Cross expressed his appreciation to teachers Christy Sells, Courtney Cozzolino and the staff at Concord for all being willing to learn and implement this new reading program.
- Mrs. Tanouye said that she is interested in more details related to the work of the staff science committee. It was agreed that recommendations will be provided from the committee at a later date, and that questions in the interim should be discussed with the administration.

VI. Closed Session

Discussion of Information Regarding Employee Salaries, Benefits and Issues Related to Collective Bargaining and Review and Consideration of Release of Closed Session Minutes and Review and Consideration of Release of Closed Session Minutes Held on the Following Dates as Noted in Minutes in Which the Need for Confidentiality Remains: August 16, 2022; September 27, 2022; October 18, 2022; and October 24, 2022

Vice President Johnson moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to move into closed session for the purpose of discussion of Information Regarding Employee Salaries, Benefits and Issues Related to Collective Bargaining and Review and Consideration of Release of Closed Session Minutes

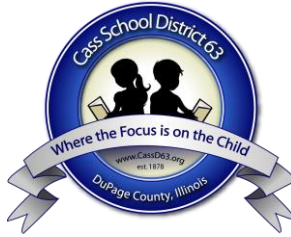
Roll Call Vote – Aye: Vice President Johnson, Member Patel, Member Green, Member Tanouye, Member Wyent and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 6 to 0.

Return from Closed Session at 10:24 p.m.

VII. Recommended Action Items After Closed Session

A. Approval to Release Closed Session Minutes with Exceptions as Noted

Member Wyent moved and Member Patel seconded a motion for the Board to approve the release of closed session minutes from the August 16, 2022,



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September 27, 2022, October 18, 2022 and October 24, 2022 meetings with exceptions as noted in which confidentiality remains.

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

B. Authorization of Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Closed Sessions Held Prior to July 1, 2021, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120

Member Patel moved and Member Green seconded a motion for the Board to approve the destruction of verbatim audio records from Closed Sessions held prior to June 30, 2021 per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120.

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

VIII. Adjournment

Member Wyent moved and Vice President Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn this Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 24, 2023 at 10:27 p.m.

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

Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Alice Esposito, Board of Education Secretary