

CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 21, 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 21st Day of March, 2023.

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

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

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

Vice President Johnson welcomed guests Katie Fujiura and Liz Mitha.

Mrs. Johnson stated that the district had received five FOIA requests that have all been fulfilled.

D. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda

B. Approval of the February 21, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

C. Approval of the February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

E. Approval of the District Bills



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

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

III. Reports, Updates and Informational Items

A. Administrative Reports

Mr. Cross reviewed the Principals reports highlighting the date change for 8th grade graduation to May 31, 2023.

B. Superintendent's Reports

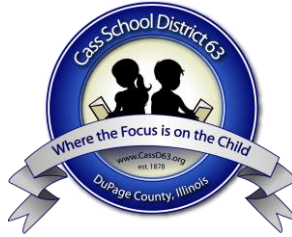
Mr. Cross announced that the April 25 meeting will be held at Concord Elementary to allow Board members the opportunity to visit the new STEM classroom. This meeting is also the last meeting for outgoing Board President Shelly Camden and outgoing Board Secretary Alice Esposito.

Mr. Cross shared that the district has seen an uptick in Go Guardian alerts late into the evening. Go Guardian is a program that alerts principals if a student accesses a restricted website. As a result, access to the internet on district devices will be blocked from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. every night.

Mr. Cross ended by announcing that McTeacher Night, sponsored by CARE, will be at McDonalds Thursday, March 23.

C. Federal Impact Aid Advocacy and Funding Report

Mr. Cross discussed his recent trip to Washington, DC for the NAFIS Conference, federal impact aid advocacy and Capitol Hill visits at the offices of Representatives Sean Casten and Bill Foster, as well as Senators Durbin and Duckworth. Mr. Casten was not in Washington, DC during their visit so he will meet with him locally in the coming weeks.



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D. Update and Discussion Regarding Facility, Safety and Security Projects

Mr. Cross updated the Board on summer 2023 facility planning for safety and security projects. Some work will likely be delayed until 2024 after more of the HVAC and geothermal projects are completed. He will continue planning work with the architects and keep the Board apprised of the progress.

E. Update Regarding 2023-24 School District Food Service Program Planning

Mr. Cross noted that he has surveyed area school districts regarding their lunch vendors and we have identified seven other providers besides our current vendor. He is vetting some of these vendors to determine which are viable options for our district and plans to have a recommendation in place for the Board in May.

F. Update and Discussion Regarding Student Transportation Services and Bids

Mr. Cross reviewed the bids for transportation services that the district received. Two competitive bids were received and after meeting with the contractor and reviewing the proposals, the recommendation to the Board was to approve Sunrise Southwest as the provider for regular routes for the 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 school years. If approved, the total cost of the three-year contract will be \$795,615.

IV. Recommended Action Items

The Board agreed that items II.A, II.B, II.C and II.D should be tabled until after closed session.

E. Approval of the DuPage Crisis Mutual Assistance Intergovernmental Agreement

Member Patel moved and Member Green seconded a motion to approve the DuPage Crisis Mutual Assistance Intergovernmental Agreement.



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

F. Approval of Recommended Bid for Regular Student Transportation Services for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 School Years

Member Wyent moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to approve the three-year bid and Regular Student Transportation Services Contract with Sunrise Southwest, LLC, for the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

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

G. Adoption of Resolution Ratifying Proposed Amendments to the School Association for Special Education in DuPage (SASED) Articles of Joint Agreement

Member Green moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to approve the resolution ratifying proposed amendments to the School Association for Special Education in DuPage (SASED) Articles of Joint Agreement.

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

V. Conclusion

A. Public Comments

Liz Mitha asked that the District ensures that Bosco Sticks remain on the menu of whichever vendor we move forward with.

B. Board Member Comments

There were no Board Member Comments



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VI. Closed Session

Discussion of Information Regarding Employee Salaries, Benefits and Issues Related to Collective Bargaining

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing Information Regarding Employee Salaries, Benefits and Issues Related to Collective Bargaining

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

Return from Closed Session at 10:05 p.m.

IV. (cont.) Remaining Recommended Action Items Held for After Closed Session

A. Acceptance of Resignations

Member Wyent moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Kathryn Marks at the close of the 2022-23 school year.

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

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Brynn Alexander at the close of the 2022-23 school year.

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

Member Wyent moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Alex Gula at the close of the 2022-23 school year.



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

B. Employment of Recommended Personnel

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to approve Bryann Poskonka for the position of 1st Grade Teacher effective at the start of the 2023-24 school year.

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

C. Approval of Administrative Contracts and Salaries

Member Wyent moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to approve the 2023-24 contract for Assistant Principal Katie Doyle.

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

Member Green moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to approve the 2023-24 contract for Assistant Principal Michelle Roberts.

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

Member Green moved and Member Tanouye seconded a motion to approve a three-year contract for Principal Christine Marcinkiewicz through the 2025-26 school year.

Voice Vote – Aye: Member Green, Member Tanouye, Member Patel, Secretary Esposito and Vice President Johnson. Nay: None. Abstain: Member Wyent. Motion carried 5 to 0.



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Secretary Esposito moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to approve a three-year contract through the 2025-26 school year for Superintendent Mark Cross.

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

D. Approval of Recommended 2023-24 Employee Salaries

Member Wyent moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to approve the 2023-24 employee salaries as presented.

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

VII. Adjournment

Member Patel moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to adjourn this Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 21, 2023 at 10:10 p.m.

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

Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Alice Esposito, Board of Education Secretary