



## **CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63**

8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333

# **Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 21, 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 21st Day of June, 2022.

### **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, Secretary Alice Esposito and Members Lana Johnson, Rinku Patel, Urszula Tanouye and Steve Wyent. Vice President Kent Absalonsen arrived at 7:03 p.m.

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 guest: Katie Fujiura

#### **D. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **II. Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Approval of the June 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda**

#### **B. Approval of the May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**

#### **C. Approval of the May 25, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes**

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

#### **E. Approval of the District Bills**

#### **F. Approval of Authorization to Prepay July Bills**

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



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#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Secretary Esposito, Member Johnson, Member Patel, Member Tanouye, Member Wyent, Vice President Absalonsen and President Camden

Nays: None

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

### **III. Reports, Updates and Informational Items**

#### **A. Administrative Reports**

Mr. Cross reviewed the administrative reports with the Board highlighting the successful end of the school year, the large amount of work that the various buildings will be addressing over the summer, including time with the math curriculum and updates to the grading system.

#### **B. CARE Reports and Grant Funding**

Lana Johnson shared that there was no June meeting but the officers have now transitioned to the new leadership team and they are planning for a trivia night in October and the possible return to the golf outing next spring.

#### **C. Update Regarding Contracted Food Service Program**

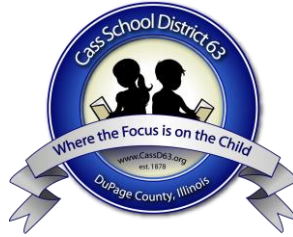
Mr. Cross reviewed the Aramark contract for the 2022-23 school year. He explained the recent effort to review the district's options for improving the program, and shared that the District will go out for bid next year for lunch service providers.

#### **D. Second Reading of Recommended Board Policy Updates**

Mr. Cross reviewed the recommended Board policy updates, highlighting one change to the policy which outlines public participation.

#### **E. Discussion Regarding 2022-23 Health and Safety Protocols**

Mr. Cross briefly shared currently proposed health and safety protocols for the 2022-23 school year. He stated that this is subject to change depending on if public health guidance for schools is adjusted. He also shared how the district and office staff handle situations in which it would be ideal for students or staff to quarantine, and said there will likely be an emphasis on people with symptoms remaining at home. He is also researching testing options for the new year.



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#### **F. Update and Discussion Regarding Facility Plans for Safety, Security and Replacement of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Systems**

Mr. Cross reviewed the status of the planning as well as feedback he has heard in the community, which has been very positive. The results of the referendum will be known after the June 28 general primary election.

#### **IV. Recommended Action Items**

##### **A. Employment of Recommended Personnel**

*Member Wyent moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to approve Caitlyn Isaacson for the position of 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher effective at the start of the 2022-23 school year.*

##### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Member Wyent, Secretary Esposito, Member Johnson, Member Patel  
Member Tanouye, Vice President Absalonsen and President Camden

Nays: None

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

*Vice President Absalonsen moved Member Johnson seconded a motion to approve Kathy Mensik for the position of library resource assistant effective at the start of the 2022-23 school year.*

##### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Vice President Absalonsen, Member Johnson, Member Patel, Member  
Tanouye, Member Wyent, Secretary Esposito and President Camden

Nays: None

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

*Member Johnson moved and Member Wyent seconded a motion to approve Kerri Soriano for the position of Concord Elementary teacher assistant effective at the start of the 2022-23 school year.*

##### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Member Johnson, Member Wyent, Member Patel, Member Tanouye,  
Secretary Esposito, Vice President Absalonsen and President Camden



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Nays: None

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

*Member Patel moved and Member Tanouye seconded a motion to approve Daniel Murphy for the position of long-term substitute Spanish and ELL teacher and long-term substitute band teacher effective at the start of the 2022-23 school year through approximately February 6, 2023.*

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Member Patel, Member Tanouye, Member Johnson, Member Wyent, Secretary Esposito, Vice President Absalonsen and President Camden

Nays: None

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

#### **B. Approval of 2022-23 School Year Lunch Fees**

*Secretary Esposito moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to approve the lunch price of \$3.50/lunch for the 2022-23 school year.*

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Secretary Esposito, Member Patel, Member Johnson, Member Tanouye, Member Wyent, Vice President Absalonsen and President Camden

Nays: None

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

#### **C. Approval of Recommended Board Policy Updates**

*Vice President Absalonsen moved and Member Tanouye seconded a motion to approve the recommended Board policy updates as presented.*

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Vice President Absalonsen, Member Tanouye, Member Johnson, Member Patel, Member Wyent, Secretary Esposito and President Camden

Nays: None

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

#### **D. Approval of Federal ESSER III Grant Funding Application**

*Member Wyent moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to approve the ESSER III Grant Funding Application as presented.*



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#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Member Wyent, Secretary Esposito, Member Johnson, Member Patel, Member Tanouye, Vice President Absalonsen and President Camden

Nays: None

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

#### **E. Approval of 2022-23 Food Service Contract with Aramark**

*Member Johnson moved and Vice President Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the 2022-23 Food Service Contract with Aramark.*

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Member Johnson, Vice President Absalonsen, Member Patel, Member Tanouye, Member Wyent, Secretary Esposito and President Camden

Nays: None

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

#### **F. Approval of Smart Oaks Park Intergovernmental Agreement with Darien Park District**

*Member Patel moved and Member Tanouye seconded a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Darien Park District.*

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Member Patel, Member Tanouye, Member Johnson, Member Wyent, Secretary Esposito, Vice President Absalonsen and President Camden

Nays: None

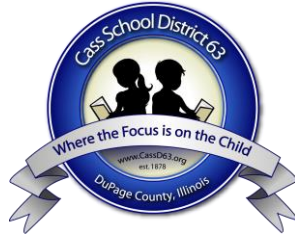
Motion carried, 7 to 0.

#### **G. Approval of Illinois Student Online Personal Protection Act Addendum with Embrace Education for Use with SASSED Platforms**

*Member Wyent moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to approve the Illinois Student Online Personal Protection Act Addendum with Embrace Education for Use with SASSED Platforms.*

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Member Wyent, Member Patel, Member Johnson, Member Tanouye, Secretary Esposito, Vice President Absalonsen and President Camden



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Nays: None  
Motion carried, 7 to 0.

#### **V. Conclusion**

##### **A. Public Comments**

- Teacher Katie Fujiura stated that the planning, communication and information shared with the community about the upcoming referendum has been phenomenal.

##### **B. Board Member Comments**

- There were no Board member comments.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

*Secretary Esposito moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn this Regular Board of Education Meeting of June 21, 2022 at 8:21 p.m.*

##### Voice Vote

Ayes: Secretary Esposito, Member Johnson, Member Patel, Member Tanouye, Member Wyent, Vice President Absalonsen and President Camden

Nays: None

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

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Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alice Esposito, Board of Education Secretary