



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 16, 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 16th Day of August, 2022.

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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, Urszula Tanouye and Steve Wyent. Member Rinku Patel and Vice President Kent Absalonsen were absent.

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

C. Recognition for Board of Education Member Service

D. Recognition of Audience, Announcements and Correspondence

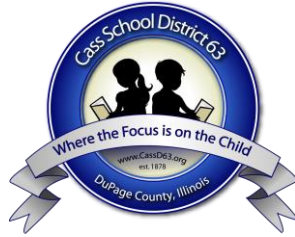
President Camden welcomed the following guest: Katie Fujiura

E. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. Closed Session

Review and Consideration of Release of Closed Session Minutes Held on the following dates with Exceptions as Noted in Minutes in Which the Need for Confidentiality Remains: January 18, 2022



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Secretary Esposito moved and Member Tanouye seconded a motion to go into closed session at 7:06 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing closed session minutes.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Secretary Esposito, Member Tanouye, Member Johnson, Member Wyent and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 7:10 p.m.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the August 16, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda**
- B. Approval of the June 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- C. Approval of the Budget, Cash Flow, Investment and Payroll Reports**
- D. Approval of the District Bills**

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

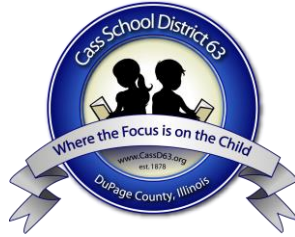
Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Secretary Esposito, Member Johnson, Member Tanouye and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.

IV. Reports, Updates and Informational Items

A. Administrative Reports

Dr. Anderson shared that over the summer teachers were working on the new math curriculum and their plans for rolling it out to students at both Concord and Cass. Teachers in kindergarten through 3rd grade were trained on Orton Gillingham reading intervention which will now be part of the everyday curriculum in reading for students. Additionally, there was a lot of work done to create the new STEM program at Concord.

Mrs. Marcinkewicz stated that Cass math teachers have also been working hard on the new math curriculum and the 5th grade team has been working on math plus which will add an extra 30 minutes of math to the curriculum. Mrs. Marcinkewicz added that she and Assistant Principal Michelle Roberts have also been working on making sure PowerSchool is ready for the new grading system and are working to finalize the bus routes.



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Mr. Cross added that everyone from custodians to administrators have been working very hard over the summer to get ready for the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Cross shared that bus routes will be sent out to parents electronically with a link rather than distributed on orientation day. Mr. Cross also shared the district will be rolling out Directory Spot in the fall to share directory information with families. Parents will be given an opportunity to opt out of the directory in advance of the roll out but will also be able to remove information once it is up and running if they choose to do so.

B. CARE Reports and Grant Funding

Lana Johnson shared that the Ice Cream Social is next Friday and that planning for the return of Trivia Night in October is underway. Dr. Anderson thanked CARE as they have approved a grant for the 4th grade students to attend the symphony.

C. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2023 Tentative Budget

Mr. Cross presented the fiscal year 2023 budget, which includes an estimated deficit of just over \$375,000. He stated that inflationary increases have impacted the district just like any other business and added that while this is a significant deficit, some of it is also related to the timing of tax payments. Mr. Cross also shared the good news that FY22 ended with a surplus, which he credited to careful and conservative management of expenditures as well as the timing of tax payments that arrived earlier than expected.

The biggest concern for the FY23 budget and beyond is related to how to manage the loss and replacement of the district's HVAC units over time. Mr. Cross emphasized that there are not funds in the budget to handle these types of costs and it would be much better to replace these as part of the long-term plan that the Board has previously developed that will be funded with a successful bond referendum. He said that in the absence of approved funding to finance the Board's plan, other budgetary decisions will have to be made to get the work done, which will impact the education of our students.



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

The Board reviewed the bond resolution and noted that the dollar amount is slightly less than it was the first time and explained the changes and use of grant funds. Mr. Cross reviewed the importance of the community understanding of the life-cycle costs, which take into account the initial cost of the replacement system, expected maintenance costs, energy costs, equipment replacement costs and residual value at the end of a 40-year cycle. He stated that this can be a long term-savings for our local taxpayers, with the geothermal system far less costly. The Board expressed strong support for the plan and the importance of explaining the facts to the community.

V. Recommended Action Items

A. Acceptance of Resignations

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to accept the resignations of Quinn Csuk, Lauren Malik, Kevin O'Toole, Amber Hanke, Ernest Brown, Tameko Ross and Tara Steward effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Secretary Esposito, Member Johnson, Member Tanouye, Member Wyent and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.

B. Employment of Recommended Personnel

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Wyent seconded a motion to approve Amy Gorzkowski for the position of English language arts teacher effective at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Secretary Esposito, Member Wyent, Member Johnson, Member Tanouye and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Member Johnson moved Member Wyent seconded a motion to approve Djola Jemin for the position of special education teacher effective at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Johnson, Member Wyent, Member Tanouye, Secretary Esposito and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.



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Member Wyent moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to approve Tim Stangarone for the position of math and science teacher effective at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Secretary Esposito, Member Johnson, Member Tanouye and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Member Johnson moved Member Tanouye seconded a motion to approve Karen Lampl for the position of Cass Junior High evening custodian effective at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Johnson, Member Tanouye, Member Wyent, Secretary Esposito, and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to approve Joanne Groh for the position of Cass Junior High teacher assistant effective at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Secretary Esposito, Member Johnson, Member Tanouye, Member Wyent and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.

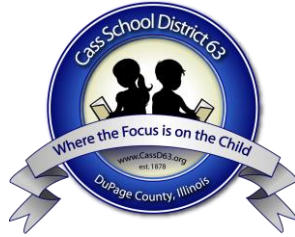
Member Wyent moved Member Johnson seconded a motion to approve Nancy Betker for the position of long-term substitute social worker effective at the start of the 2022-23 school year through October 28, 2022.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Member Johnson, Member Tanouye, Secretary Esposito and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.

C. Approval of Behavioral Threat Assessment Procedure

Member Johnson moved and Member Tanouye seconded a motion to approve the Behavioral Threat Assessment Procedure.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Johnson, Member Tanouye, Member Wyent, Secretary Esposito, and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.



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D. Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Tentative Budget

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Wyent seconded a motion to approve the fiscal year 2023 tentative budget.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Secretary Esposito, Member Wyent, Member Johnson, Member Tanouye and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.

E. Approval of Date, Time and Location for the Fiscal Year 2023 Public Budget Hearing

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Wyent seconded a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Hearing for Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Community Room.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Secretary Esposito, Member Wyent, Member Johnson, Member Tanouye and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.

F. Approval of Resolution Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition of Issuing \$12,800,000 School Bonds to the Voters of the District at the General Election to be Held on the 8th Day of November, 2022

Member Johnson moved and Member Tanouye seconded a motion to approve the Resolution Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition of Issuing \$12,800,000 School Bonds to the Voters of the District at the General Election to be Held on the 8th Day of November, 2022.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Johnson, Member Tanouye, Member Wyent, Secretary Esposito, and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.

G. Approval to Release Closes Session Minutes with Exceptions as Noted

Member Wyent moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to approve the release of closed session minutes from the January 18, 2022 meeting.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Member Johnson, Member Tanouye, Secretary Esposito, and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.



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

Member Tanouye moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to approve the authorization of the destruction of verbatim audio records from Closed Sessions held prior to January 1, 2021 per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Tanouye, Secretary Esposito, Member Johnson, Member Wyent and President Camden. Nay: None. Motion carried 5 to 0.

VI. Conclusion

A. Public Comments

Teacher Katie Fujiura welcomed the Board to the 2022-23 school year.

B. Board Member Comments

Shelly Camden thanked the administrators and staff for their hard work getting school ready for the new school year.

VI. Adjournment

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn this Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 16, 2022 at 9:04 p.m.

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

Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Alice Esposito, Board of Education Secretary