



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

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 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or employees of the District.

Vice President Absalonsen moved and Secretary Esposito 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.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Absalonsen

Secretary Esposito

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member McCollan

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Upon roll being called, the following members answered present: President Shelly Camden, Vice President Absalonsen, Secretary Alice



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Esposito, Member Brad Carrino, Member Lana Johnson and Member Jeff McCollian.
Member Michael Ockrim was absent.

Also in attendance:

Kerry J. Foderaro, Superintendent of Schools
Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal
Christine Marcinkewicz, Cass Junior High School Principal
Robert Strande, District Director of Fiscal Services
Gayle Wilson, Recording Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Concord Elementary School students Emileigh Gallagher, Natalie Martin, Chris Nakamura, Madalyn Thomas led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and then shared with the Board their personal experience of the start of the 2019/20 School Year.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Camden welcomed:

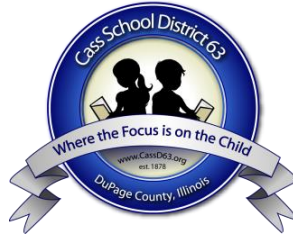
Tim Martin	Amy Martin	Natalie Martin
Madalyn Thomas	Stanley Thomas	Sherene Thomas
Emileigh Gallagher	Robert Gallagher	Cassandra Gallagher
Chris Nakamura	Emi Nakamura	Matt Etherington
Scott Kondraschow	Katie Fujiura	Urszula Tanouye
Fiyaz Khan	Rinku Patel	

PUBLIC COMMENT

➤ There were no Public Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes of the August 20, 2019 Board of Education Closed Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes of the August 20, 2019 Board of Education Meeting
- C. Receipt of Budget Report – August, 2019
- D. Approval of Payroll – August, 2019
- E. Approval of Bills and Additional Bills – September, 2019



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- F. Receipt of Investment Report – August, 2019
- G. Approval of Personnel Report
- H. Receipt of Open Meeting Act 5ILCS120 and Public Act 96-434 Reports
- I. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Darien Park District Regarding Use of Soccer Field
- J. Approval of Inter Agency User Agreement with the Illinois State Police

Secretary Esposito moved and Member McCollian seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with Additional Bills as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Absalonsen

Secretary Esposito

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member McCollian

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

REPORTS

A. **CAss Resources for Enrichment (CARE) Report**

Member Johnson shared that CARE's September Meeting was very well attended. She added that the CARE Cass 63 Dash was held on Friday, September 13 and was successful despite the weather.

B. Discussion of and Possible Action on **CAss Resources for Enrichment (CARE) Donation**

CARE approved a donation in the amount of \$2,950.00 for a Symphony Field Trip (\$850) and a Fitness Assembly (\$2,100) for Concord Elementary School.



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Member Johnson moved and Vice President Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the generous donation of \$2,950.00 by the CAss Resources for Enrichment (CARE) for a Symphony Field Trip and a Fitness Assembly for Concord Elementary School as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Absalonsen

Secretary Esposito

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member McCollian

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

C. Administrators' Reports

Principal Anderson shared information regarding the start of the school year at Concord Elementary School and stated that everything is off to a great start.

Principal Marcinkewicz shared information regarding the start of the school year at Cass Junior High School, highlighting the September 11 education and remembrance. She further added that this was the first year that school districts were mandated to include students in the active shooter drills. Students were informed that this was just a drill and that if they felt any anxiety with the drill to let a teacher know. The drill went well and no students expressed concern about their participation.

Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

President Camden opened the Public Hearing to discuss the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget at 7:47 p.m.



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District Director of Fiscal Services Strande reviewed the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget stating that the only changes from the Budget presented in June were related to the anticipated Refinancing of Bonds.

President Camden opened the Hearing to the Public for Public Comment. There was no Public Comment.

President Camden closed the Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of and Possible Action on Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

Member Carrino moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Absalonsen

Secretary Esposito

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member McCollian

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

B. Discussion of Board of Education Committees

- Chairperson Johnson stated that Community Connection Committee is meeting on Thursday, September 19.
- Superintendent Foderaro stated that Facilities Committee will meet during the winter.



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- Chairperson Esposito stated that the Finance Committee will meet on October 8 at 6:00 p.m. to review the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit.
- Policy & Planning Committee recommended policies were minimal and were shared with the Committee. No meeting is currently anticipated.

New Business

- A. Discussion of and Possible Action on Resolution Abating the Working Cash Fund of the District

District Director of Fiscal Services stated that this resolution is necessary due to the recent Refinancing of Bonds as the proceeds need to be transferred into the appropriate budget funds.

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Camden seconded a motion to approve the Resolution Abating the Working Cash Fund of the District as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Absalonsen

Secretary Esposito

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member McCollian

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

- B. Discussion of and Possible Action on Resolution Adopting a Disclosure Compliance Policy of the District

Superintendent Foderaro stated that the District's Bond Counsel is recommending this Resolution to supplement the District's Bond Policy as related to the District's Refinancing of Bonds.



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Lana Johnson moved and Kent Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting a Disclosure Compliance Policy of the District as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Absalonsen

Secretary Esposito

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member McCollian

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

C. Discussion of Recommended Board of Education Policies – First Reading

Superintendent Foderaro presented the recommended policy updates which consist mostly of required five-year reviews that have no changes. The Board will be asked to act on these policies at the October Board of Education Meeting.

D. Discussion of Cass School District 63 Sixth-Day Enrollment

Superintendent Foderaro reviewed the Sixth Day Enrollment numbers with the Board of Education. Enrollment is up from last school year and as a result, this necessitated the District adding a Kindergarten Teacher and Junior High Part-Time Math Teacher.

E. Discussion of Superintendent Search Engagement Meetings

Superintendent Foderaro reviewed the Engagement schedule for September 23, 2019 meetings with BWP, the Board of Education's Executive Search Firm. This Engagement schedule will allow various individuals and groups to provide their input into what qualities, attributes and skills they value in the District's new



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Superintendent. Approximately two weeks following the Engagement Meetings and the completion of the online survey, BWP will present the Board with the results and a profile of what type of Superintendent Candidate the District should be considering to meet the needs of the District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Urszula Tanouye asked for an overview of what the active shooter drills would look like for students. She then asked the Board if they had considered sending a letter to both past and present Cass School District 63 employees letting them know of possible exposure to Sterigenics toxic chemicals.
 - Principal Anderson and Principal Marcinkewicz briefly reviewed, without divulging security details and plans, how they planned and plan age-appropriate drills.
 - Superintendent Foderaro invited Mrs. Tanouye to forward any information she would like to him to review.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS

- Member Carrino asked about the status of the solar panels.
 - Superintendent Foderaro responded that at this time we are still waiting for the roof at Concord Elementary School to be completed before the District's Performance Contractor can begin to install the solar panels, which is anticipated to run through the winter months.
- Member Johnson thanked the Principals and Teachers for all their assistance with the CARE Cass 63 Dash. CARE appreciates all the time and effort they put forth to make the events a success.



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BOARD SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- The Board of Education received a thank you note from Teacher Scott Kondraschow.
- The Board of Education received a FOIA request from Transportation Research.
- The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 in the District Community Room.
- The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Esposito moved and Member McCollian seconded a motion to adjourn this Board of Education Meeting of September 17, 2019 at 8:23 p.m. Voice vote; All Ayes. Motion Carried 6 to 0.

Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Alice Esposito, Board of Education Secretary