



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

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Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Minutes of The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Cass School District 63, DuPage County, Illinois; Held at Cass Junior High School at 6:00 P.M. on the 7th Day of September, 2021.

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Upon roll being called, the following members answered present: President Shelly Camden, Vice President Kent Absalonsen, Secretary Alice Esposito, Member Lana Johnson, Member Rinku Patel, Member Urszula Tanouye and Member Steve Wyent.

Also in attendance:

Mark R. Cross, Superintendent of Schools and Gayle Wilson, Recording Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

C. Approval of Special Meeting Agenda

Mr. Cross requested that the Board approve the Special Meeting Agenda as presented.

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to approve the Special Meeting Agenda as presented. Voice Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried 7 to 0.

D. Recognition of Audience, Announcements and Correspondence

There were no audience members.

E. Public Comments

There were no public comments.



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II. Board Meeting Strategic Planning Session

Mr. Cross led the Board of Education in the strategic planning session. The Board reviewed what was covered at the first strategic planning session held on August 3. The Board then reviewed and discussed in depth the results of the graduate, staff and parent surveys sent out to gather feedback to help shape the strategic plan. In total there were over 400 responses which helped to shape the Boards discussion on their vision, beliefs and framework of goals and subsets of those goals.

The Board of Education settled on the following three general focus areas for the strategic plan, with final wording and details still to be developed and reviewed:

1. Academic Growth and Achievement
2. Learning Environment
3. Safety and Facility Planning

Mr. Cross will begin drafting the plan with these focus points as guides and present it to the Board when it is ready to review, with the intent of having the Board approve the final Strategic Plan at the October 19, 2021 meeting.

III. Conclusion

A. Adjournment

Secretary Esposito moved and Member Patel seconded a motion to adjourn this Special Board of Education Meeting of September 7, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. Voice vote; All Ayes. Motion Carried, 7 to 0.

Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Alice Esposito, Board of Education Secretary