



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

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 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Member Johnson moved and Vice President Absalonsen 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

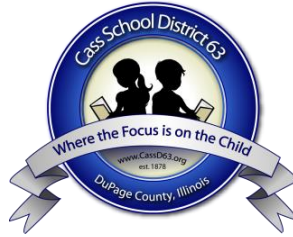
Member McCollian

Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 7 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 Kent Absalonsen (via video conference), Secretary Esposito (via video conference), Member Brad Carrino (via video conference), Member Lana Johnson (via video conference), Member Jeff McCollian (via video conference) and Member Michael Ockrim (via video conference).



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Also in attendance:

Kerry J. Foderaro, Superintendent of Schools
Mark Cross, Superintendent of Schools In-Waiting (via video conference)
Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal (via video conference)
Christine Marcinkewicz, Cass Junior High School Principal (via video conference)
Gayle Wilson, Recording Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Camden presided over the meeting and welcomed:

Katie Fujiura (via video conference)

PUBLIC COMMENT

➤ There was no Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes of the March 17, 2020 Board of Education Closed Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes of the March 17, 2020 Board of Education Meeting
- C. Receipt of Budget Report - March, 2020
- D. Approval of Payroll - March, 2020
- E. Approval of Bills and Additional Bills - April, 2020
- F. Receipt of Investment Report - March, 2020
- G. Approval of Personnel Report
- H. Approval of 2020/21 SASSED Classroom Leases
- I. Approval of Cass 63 Representation on the SASSED Governing Board & Board of Control Resolution



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Secretary Esposito moved and Member Ockrim seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with Additional Bills and removing Item G Personnel Report.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Absalonsen

Secretary Esposito

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member McCollian

Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

Member Johnson moved and Member Ockrim seconded a motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented, which includes a Superintendent Contract Amendment pertaining to post-retirement Life Insurance and a District Safeguard for the Teacher Retirement System Creditable Earnings' Cap.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

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Motion carried, 7 to 0.

REPORTS



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A. CAss Resources for Enrichment (CARE) Report

Member Johnson shared that CARE held their monthly meeting last night via video conference. They are currently processing the challenges of fundraising during this time. At this time CARE is 90% filled for their volunteer spots for the 2020/21 school year.

Superintendent Foderaro added that incoming Superintendent Cross has been a part of many meetings in Cass School District 63 and will be attending next month's CARE Meeting.

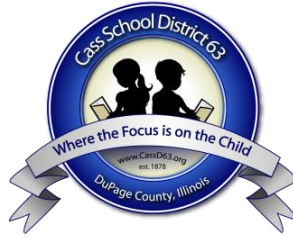
B. Administrators' Reports

- Principals Anderson and Marcinkewicz deferred their reports to later in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Board of Education Committees

- Chairperson Johnson stated that the Community Connections Newsletter was mailed out and has been received by the community. She has received positive feedback. The next edition of the newsletter will be sent out in the Fall.
- Superintendent Foderaro stated that the Solar Panels should be up and running at both Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School by the end of this week or early next week. The next Facilities Committee Meeting will be held in the fall.
- Superintendent Foderaro stated the tentative Fiscal Year 2021 Budget is almost complete. The Finance Committee is planning to meet the first week in June and the Budget will be presented to the Board at the June Board of Education meeting.



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- Superintendent Foderaro stated that the District just received a new set of policies and he is planning to hold a Policy and Planning Committee Meeting to review those policies in the next two weeks.
- Director of Teaching and Learning Anderson stated that she will be presenting a Reading resource adoption later in the meeting.

B. Discussion of and Possible Action on 2020 Summer HVAC CTS Contract

Superintendent Foderaro reviewed the CTS Contract for the summer 2020 HVAC work. He further shared that the District has been approved for a \$50,000 Maintenance Grant from the State. With this approval the District is able to fund the entire \$200,000 project for this upcoming summer.

There was concern that the State may not fund the grant with the current pandemic. Superintendent Foderaro stated that there is always a concern that the State will not fund commitments. Typically, approved State grants are funded, however, payments could be delayed.

Vice President Absalonsen moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to approve the 2020 Summer HVAC CTS Contract as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

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C. Discussion of the State of School Closure

Superintendent Foderaro reviewed the steps the District has taken as the District has progressed through the E-Learning/Remote Learning. Principals Anderson and Marcinkewicz then discussed how E-Learning/Remote Learning has been going for staff and students. They stated that they have been consistently receiving positive feedback from parents and students.

Superintendent Foderaro then asked the Board for their feedback with E-Learning/Remote Learning, communications and in general regarding the pandemic. Members Johnson and Ockrim both stated their appreciation for being a part of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic Plan Committee and how insightful it has been. The Board as a whole has been pleased with how this pandemic is being addressed within the District.

New Business

A. Discussion of and Possible Action on 2020/21 School Year Curricular Adoption

Director of Teaching and Learning Laura Anderson reviewed the recommendation for the Reading and English Language Arts curriculum. This investment will address the Reading and English Language Arts curriculum for the next five years.

Member McCollian moved and Secretary Esposito seconded a motion to approve the recommended 2021 School Curricular Adoptions as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

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Member McCollian
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no Public Comment.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS

- Secretary Esposito stated that she thinks the District has done an amazing job with everything over this last month.
- Member McCollian stated that his children really want to return to school.
- Member Johnson stated how well everything has gone and how grateful she is for the great planning that has gone into addressing this very challenging situation.
- Member Carrino stated he lives right behind Cass Junior High School and he has seen no negative impact from the solar panel installation.

BOARD SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 in the District Community Room.
- The Board of Education received a FOIA Request from SMART Local 265.

ADJOURNMENT



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Secretary Esposito moved and Vice President Absalonsen seconded a motion to adjourn this Board of Education Meeting of April 21, 2020 at 8:50 p.m. Voice vote; All Ayes. Motion Carried 7 to 0.

Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Alice Esposito, Board of Education Secretary