



## **CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63**

8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333

# **Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

**Minutes of The Special 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 4th Day of August, 2020.**

### **Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. Upon roll being called, the following members answered present: President Shelly Camden, Vice President Kent Absalonsen, Secretary Esposito, Member Brad Carrino, Member Lana Johnson, Member Jeff McCollian and Member Michael Ockrim.

Also in attendance:

Mark R. Cross, 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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Approval of Special Meeting Agenda**

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

*Member Johnson moved and Vice President Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the Special Meeting Agenda as presented. Voice Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried 7 to 0.*

### **Recognition of Audience, Announcements and Correspondence**

President Camden welcomed:

Katie Fujiura

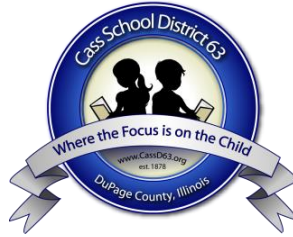
Joe Hylak-Reinholtz

Theresa West

Cecelia Hylak-Reinholtz

Susan Lyons

Secretary Esposito stated that the Board of Education received two FOIA Requests that were fulfilled.



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#### **Public Comments**

There was no public comment.

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

##### **A. Administrative Report**

Principal Anderson gave an overview of the preparations taking place to start the 2020-21 School Year and shared that Concord Elementary School just received notice that the Prekindergarten Program has once again received the Gold Circle Award.

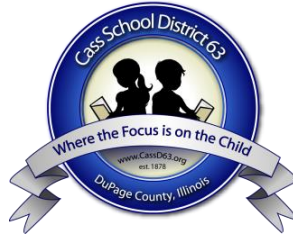
Principal Marcinkewicz gave an update on the planning and preparation for the 2020-21 School Year.

##### **B. Update and Discussion Regarding the Proposed Return to Learn Framework**

Superintendent Cross reviewed with the Board of Education the Proposed Return to Learn Framework. The plan includes a hybrid model of attendance with one half of the students attending in person classes Monday and Wednesday and the other one half of the students attending in person classes Tuesday and Thursday. Students will attend school remotely for the remainder of the week. Parents may also opt to have their children attend school fully remote. Superintendent Cross also reviewed the safety precautions in place to help keep both students and staff safe. Superintendent Cross shared the results of the surveys the District has provided to parents and stated that the response has been largely positive and parents have been supportive.

##### **C. Presentation of Amended 2020-21 District Calendar**

Superintendent Cross presented the proposed amended 2020-21 School Year Calendar. The changes include a shift in the first day of school to August 24, 2020, a mandatory school holiday on November 3 for election day and an extension of the last day of school by one day to Friday, May 28.



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D. Presentation of Recommended Board Policy Updates

Superintendent Cross presented Board Policy 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness; Management and Recovery for the Board's review. The policy will be presented to the Board of Education at the August 18, 2020 for consideration of adoption.

### **Recommended Action Items**

A. Approval of Recommendations for the Return to Learn Framework

*Member Ockrim moved and Vice President Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the Return to Learn Framework as presented.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Absalonsen

Secretary Esposito

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member McCollian

Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

B. Approve of the Amended 2020-21 District Calendar

*Member Ockrim moved and Member McCollian seconded a motion to approve the Amended 2020-21 District Calendar as presented. Voice Vote. All Ayes.*  
Motion carried 7 to 0.

C. Employment of Recommended Personnel

Superintendent Cross presented recommendations to hire the following individuals for the 2020-21 School Year:



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1. Jessica Cahill, Second Grade Teacher
2. Jessica Chapman, Concord Administrative and Health Assistant
3. Mary Skrzypczynski, Concord Teacher Assistant
4. Peter Alt, Concord Day Custodian
5. Tina Milutinovic, Concord Evening Custodian
6. Katie Kafer, Concord Permanent Substitute Teacher
7. Donna Gerren, Cass Junior High School Evening Custodian

*Secretary Esposito moved and Member Ockrim seconded a motion to approve the employment recommendations as presented.*

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Absalonsen

Secretary Esposito

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member McCollian

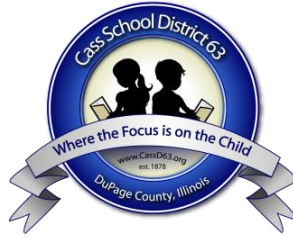
Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 7 to 0.

**Conclusion**

A. Public Comments

- Parent Joseph Hylak-Reinholtz addressed the Board and thanked them for all the hard work the District is putting into creating a return to school plan and then asked a number of questions in relation to the plan.



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#### **Board Member Remarks**

- Secretary Esposito thanked the Administration for all the information and for all their hard work getting the return to learn plan created and implemented.
- Member Carrino added his appreciation for all of the efforts put forth.
- Member Johnson commended the communication from the District and the planning for the coming school year and stated it is a testament to how well the District has done that there was not a crowd at the meeting.
- President Camden shared, on behalf of the Board of Education, their thanks for all that has been done by the Administration, teachers and staff to pull all of this together. She added her best wishes as the school year begins.
- Secretary Esposito announced that the next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at Cass Junior High School.

#### **Adjournment**

*Member Johnson moved and Vice President Absalonsen seconded a motion to adjourn this Special Board of Education Meeting of August 4, 2020 at 9:07 p.m. Voice vote; All Ayes. Motion Carried, 7 to 0.*

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Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

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