



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

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Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Minutes of the 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 21st Day of October, 2025.

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Upon roll being called, the following members answered present: President Lana Johnson, Vice President Rinku Patel, Secretary Urszula Tanouye, and Members Fiyaz Khan, Katie Marinelli, and Steve Wyent. Member Chris Green was absent.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Mark R. Cross, and Board Recording Secretary Gayle Wilson

C. Recognition of Audience, Announcements and Correspondence

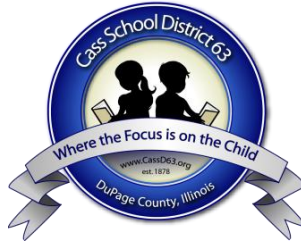
Mrs. Johnson welcomed guests to the meeting and shared that the district received and fulfilled two FOIA requests.

D. Student and Staff Spotlight and Recognition

Mr. Cross said that the district recently recognized our custodial staff Pete Alt, Dan Farias, and Tina Milutinovic at Concord, and Donna Gerren, Pete Pauley, and Steve Boutet at Cass in honor of National Custodian Day as well as Keith Monaco and Wayne Ostrowski for all of their hard work. Also recognized was Cass Junior High science teacher Susan Paszkowski for her work organizing our team building activities for Cass students on our early dismissal days.

E. Public Comments

There were no public comments.



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II. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the October 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda**
- B. Approval of the September 23, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- C. Approval of Personnel Recommendations**
- D. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports**
- E. Approval of the District Bills**

Mr. Cross reviewed the consent agenda items, announcing the resignation of Concord teacher assistant Rubaiyat Tasnova.

Member Marinelli moved and Member Khan seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Marinelli, Member Khan, Member Wyent, Secretary Tanouye, Vice President Patel, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 6 to 0.

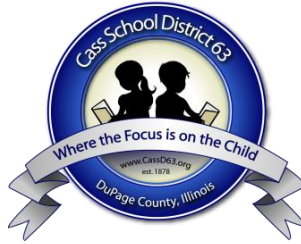
III. Reports, Updates and Informational Items

A. Administrative Reports

Mr. Cross shared that the CARE Dash was a success again this year and that it is always a fun day for students, staff and parents. He then noted the successes of the cross country teams highlighting the outstanding performance of 7th grade student Decker Kuntz who took 31st overall at state and 11th amongst runners that were not in 8th grade. Mr. Cross announced that the Cass Student Council is bringing back mascot Wayne the Warrior. Mr. Cross noted that the administration will review school report card data and the boys' cross country team will be in attendance at the November meeting to be recognized as well.

B. Update and Discussion Regarding Phase III Facility Planning

Mr. Cross stated that the Facilities Committee met recently and based on that meeting, Mr. Cross highlighted areas of potential focus for the Phase III planning. Our architects are working on planning and product recommendations to consider for Phase III projects that will potentially be completed during the summer of 2026. Three main areas of focus are



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potential updates and changes with the Concord STEM lab, replacing flooring in the most needed areas, as well as remaining LED lighting at Concord.

C. Review of the Property, Liability, and Worker Compensation Insurance Renewal

Mr. Cross reviewed the property, liability, and Worker compensation insurance renewal which came in at a 4.75 percent increase which we are pleased with since insurance in general is seeing significant increases. Mr. Cross added that we are having our contents and buildings appraised to see what the commercial value of our buildings are, which could impact premiums as well.

D. Review of the 2025 IASB Resolutions Committee Report

Mr. Cross touched upon the committee report that will be acted on by our delegate at the upcoming Joint Annual Conference. He stated that at this meeting, he recommends the Board appoint a delegate, and prior to the November meeting the Board should review the report and be ready to share if they have any specific concerns outside of the recommendations contained in the report. The Board agreed that Urszula Tanouye will represent the Board again this year at the upcoming delegate assembly.

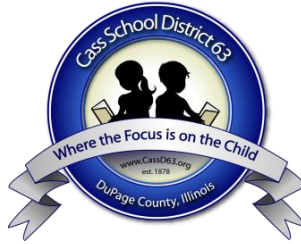
E. Second Reading of Recommended Board Policy Updates

Mr. Cross reviewed the recommended Board policy updates stating that the updates are largely comprised of five year reviews and are largely routine.

IV. Recommended Action Items

A. Appointment of Representative to the 2025 IASB Delegate Assembly *Member Marinelli moved and Member Khan seconded a motion to appoint Urszula Tanouye to the 2025 IASB Delegate Assembly.*

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Marinelli, Member Khan, Member Wyent, Secretary Tanouye, Vice President Patel, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 6 to 0.



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B. Approval of Property Liability, and Worker Compensation Insurance Renewal

Member Wyent moved and Member Khan seconded a motion to approve the property, liability, and worker compensation insurance renewal totaling \$151,050.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Member Khan, Member Marinelli, Secretary Tanouye, Vice President Patel, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 6 to 0.

C. Approval of Recommended Board Policy Updates

Member Khan moved and Member Wyent seconded a motion to approve the recommended Board Policy Updates.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Khan, Member Wyent, Member Marinelli, Secretary Tanouye, Vice President Patel, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 6 to 0.

V. Closed Session

Member Khan moved and Member Marinelli seconded a motion to move into closed session to discuss information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of district employees

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Khan, Member Marinelli, Member Wyent, Secretary Tanouye, Vice President Patel, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 6 to 0.

VI. Conclusion

A. Public Comments

There was no public comment.

B. Board Member Comments

There were no Board member comments.

C. Adjournment



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Member Wyent moved and Vice President Patel seconded a motion to adjourn this Board of Education Meeting of October 21, 2025 at 10:07 p.m.

Voice Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Vice President Patel, Member Khan, Member Marinelli, Secretary Tanouye, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 6 to 0.

Lana Johnson, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Urszula Tanouye, Board of Education Secretary