



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 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 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member McCollian

Motion carried, 5 to 0.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. Upon roll being called, the following members answered present: President Shelly Camden, Vice President Kent Absalonsen, Member Brad Carrino and Member Lana Johnson. Member Michael Ockrim arrived at 7:58 p.m. Secretary Alice Esposito was absent.

Also in attendance:

Kerry J. Foderaro, Superintendent of Schools

Laura Anderson, Concord Elementary School Principal

Christine Marcinkewicz, Cass Junior High School Principal



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Robert Strande, District Director of Fiscal Services

Gayle Wilson, Recording Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Concord Elementary School students Madison Hetue, Cate Johnson and Alixandra Smith led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance. These students recently participated in the Kids Heart Challenge (formerly known as Jump Rope for Heart) at Concord Elementary School.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Camden presided over the meeting and welcomed:

Leland Wagner
Casey Johnson
Courtney Cozzolino
Liz Hetue
Mark Cross

Cate Johnson
Alixandra Smith
Katie Fujiura
Madison Hetue

Jim Johnson
Andrew Smith
Deb Dolehide
Urszula Tanouye

PUBLIC COMMENT

➤ There was no Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes of the January 21, 2020 Board of Education Closed Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes of the January 21, 2020 Board of Education Meeting
- C. Receipt of Budget Report – January, 2020
- D. Approval of Payroll – January, 2020
- E. Approval of Bills and Additional Bills – February, 2020
- F. Receipt of Investment Report – January, 2020
- G. Approval of Personnel Report
- H. Approval of Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Vice President Absalonsen moved and Member McCollian seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with Additional Bills.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Absalonsen

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member McCollian

Motion carried, 5 to 0.

REPORTS

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

Member Johnson shared Trivia Night was a huge success. There were more attendees this year than there were last year. The next event is Ladies' Night on February 28 and plans are starting to be made for the Eighth Grade Dance.

B. **Administrators' Reports**

- Principal Anderson shared that the total raised for Kids' Heart Challenge, formerly, Jump Rope For Heart, over the 11 years the school has been participating is over \$92,000. Principal Anderson then stated that there are currently 88 Kindergarten Students preregistered for the 2020/21 school year which is about 20 more students than were preregistered this time last year.
- Principal Marcinkewicz shared that Cass Junior High School recently held a Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee went 27 rounds and was finally won by Grade Eight Student, Arwa Badruddin, who will now move on to the regional Spelling Bee. Principal Marcinkewicz added that Mock Newberry was just completed and that there were a number of students who read all 25 books.



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Finally, she shared that there were three Band students selected to perform with the All Illinois Junior Band, which is a prestigious recognition for them.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Board of Education Committees

- Chairperson Johnson stated that the Community Connections Committee met recently and they are working on the next edition of the Community Connections Newsletter and hope to have it ready to be mailed out before Spring Break.
- Director of Teaching and Learning Anderson stated that a recommendation for Reading resource adoption will be presented at the April Board of Education meeting.

B. Discussion of and Possible Action on 2020/21 School Calendar

Principal Anderson presented the proposed 2020/21 School Calendar and noted that with the support of teachers and members of CARE who were a part of the Calendar Committee, the recommendation is to move to trimesters starting next school year.

Member McCollian moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to approve the 2020/21 School Calendar as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

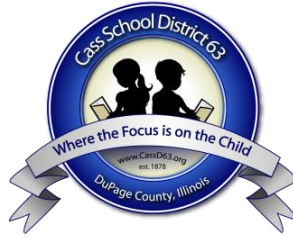
Vice President Absalonsen

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member McCollian

Member Ockrim



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

C. Discussion of and Possible Action on 2020/21 School Fees

Superintendent Foderaro reviewed the recommendation for the 2020/21 school fees, which include an increase of 2.3% to reflect next year's Consumers' Price Index-Urban (CPI-U), an increase to \$3.30 for lunches and an increase to \$5.90 per hour for the Before and After School Experience (BASE).

As in the past, this recommendation still allows school families to pay the current school year fee rate if fees are paid before the last day of school on June 2, 2020.

Member Ockrim moved and Vice President Absalonsen seconded a motion to approve the 2020/21 School Fees as presented.

Roll call

Aye

Nay

President Camden

Vice President Absalonsen

Member Carrino

Member Johnson

Member McCollian

Member Ockrim

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

New Business

A. Discussion of and Possible Action on Summer Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Project

Superintendent Foderaro and Facilities Co-Chairperson McCollian discussed the recommended Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) work



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

proposed for the summer of 2020, which includes the replacement of four classroom unit-ventilators at Cass Junior High School. The District applied for a grant from the State of Illinois, which if approved will pay for \$50,000 of the work proposed. The District should learn whether or not they receive the grant in the next four to five weeks.

Co-Chairperson McCollian also gave an update on the solar panel installation, which is set to begin in March and be completed at the end of May. Crews will be working from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day to avoid disrupting the school day.

B. Presentation and Discussion of Five-Year Financial Projections

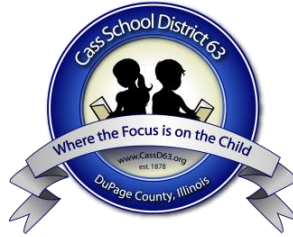
Superintendent Foderaro reviewed the historical financial actuals and projections over the past 20 years noting that in 2005, the District was projected to be approximately \$8,000,000 in the red unless significant changes were made. Significant changes were made with preservation to the teaching and learning process. Superintendent Foderaro was pleased to report that due to the hard work of the Board of Education, the Business Department, Building Administration and staff, that deficit projection did not come to fruition and the District is financially healthy and it is projected that will continue for the foreseeable future.

District Director of Fiscal Services Strande then reviewed the current year's five-year financial predictions, which the Business Department and the Administration utilize to help develop the 2020/21 school year budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no Public Comment.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

- Member Johnson congratulated the Scholastic Bowl Team, which is currently undefeated and just today came from a 75-point deficit against Gower Middle School to win the match.

BOARD SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 in the District Community Room.
- The Board of Education received a thank you note from the Legan family.
- The Board of Education received FOIA requests from NBC5 Chicago and from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

ADJOURNMENT

Member McCollian moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn this Board of Education Meeting of February 18, 2020 at 8:41 p.m. Voice vote; All Ayes. Motion Carried 6 to 0.

Shelly Camden, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Alice Esposito, Board of Education Secretary