



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

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Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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 9th Day of April, 2025.

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 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 Chris Green, Katie Marinelli, Liz Mitha, and Steve Wyent.

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

C. Recognition of Audience, Announcements and Correspondence

There were no audience members present.

D. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. Reports, Updates and Informational Items

A. Update Regarding Energy Tax Credit Funding Status

Mr. Cross has received confirmation from the IRS that the District will receive a federal energy tax credit of \$2,865,042, with a likelihood of receiving the funds by the end of the fiscal year. The timing funds are received will be the biggest factor in determining if it is necessary to borrow temporarily. The District also has reserve funds remaining in the Capital Projects Fund.

B. Review of Bid for Phase Two Interior Renovation Project

Mr. Cross reviewed the recommended bid from Reed Construction in the amount of \$1,325,000, plus the alternate bid of \$160,000, for a grand total on the interior renovation of \$1,485,000. Both the base bid and the alternate



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for the classrooms was the lowest, and this was close to both the architect's and the District's estimate that had been discussed previously. The Board discussed various scenarios in depth and agreed that if funds do need to be borrowed temporarily at some point, this can be determined at a later time.

III. Recommended Action Items

A. Approval of Recommended Bid for Summer 2025 Interior Renovation Project

Member Wyent moved and Member Green seconded a motion to approve the recommended bid from Reed Construction in the amount of \$1,485,000 for summer 2025 interior renovation work.

Roll Call Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Member Green, Member Marinelli, Member Mitha, Secretary Tanouye, Vice President Patel, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 7 to 0.

IV. Conclusion

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

B. Board Member Comments

There were no Board Member comments.

C. Adjournment

Member Wyent moved and Vice President Patel seconded a motion to adjourn this Board of Education Special Meeting of April 9, 2025 at 6:34 p.m.

Voice Vote – Aye: Member Wyent, Vice President Patel, Member Green, Member Marinelli, Member Mitha, Secretary Tanouye, and President Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried 7 to 0.

Lana Johnson, Board of Education President

Attest: _____
Urszula Tanouye, Board of Education Secretary