

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF  
CASTON SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**April 20, 2022  
6:30 P.M.**

Board Vice- President, Beth Howard, called the April 20, 2022, meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:30 P.M. Present were board members: Mrs. Cristie Rans, Mr. Roger Byrum, and Mr. Jeff Smith. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Paul Voigt, Corporation Attorney Ms. Lauren Adley, Jr-Sr High Principal Mr. Chuck Evans, Elementary Principal Ms. Jennifer Lukens, Curriculum Director Mrs. Angela Miller, Director of Guidance/CCTA President Ms. Anita Doan, Corporation Treasurer Ms. Susan Loftain, and Administrative Assistant Ms. Colleen Diveley. Also present were Caston bus driver Mrs. Marla DuVall and community member Mr. Andy Hubenthal.

**Celebrations:** Ms. Lukens announced that Caston Elementary had four perfect scores on the IRead testing. Mr. Evans voiced appreciation for Logansport Memorial Hospital's providing free athletic physicals for over 100 Caston student athletes. Four doctors were at Caston to provide these student physicals. Congratulations to Elementary Secretary Mrs. Angie Chapman for being nominated, and winning, the Junior Achievement Hero award. Beth Howard said the Caston Baseball and Softball teams are doing very well in their seasons so far.

**Staff Spotlight:** Congratulations go to Caston's Special Education Instructional Assistant/Before School Program Manager Kayla Gibson, as the recipient of the April Staff Spotlight Award. Kayla received many nominations noting her kindness, patience, and attention to students. Kayla consistently goes above and beyond to model a caring and positive attitude toward all students and staff. Thank you, Kayla, for all you do for those at Caston!

**Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items:** None.

**Consent Agenda:** Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- a. Approve minutes of the following meetings of the Caston School Board of Trustees:
  1. March 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
  2. March 30, 2022 Public Work Session
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Accept resignations & requests for retirement as follows:
  1. Resignation: Will Porter – Physical Educ. & Head Football Coach – effective end of the 2021-2022 academic school year
  2. Resignation: Jerry Miller – Jr./Sr. High Math – effective end of the 2021-2022 academic school year
- d. Employment as follows:
  1. Ginger Harrison – Long-term sub
  2. Jennifer Scott – K-12 Reading Interventionist
  3. Kellie Roush – Custodian
  4. Melinda Shultz – Mentor Teacher
  5. Nikki Evans – Mentor Teacher
  6. Nathan Speitel – Mentor Teacher

7. Shelly Sarver – Mentor Teacher
  8. Jessica Rentschler – Mentor Teacher
  9. Carl Davis – Mentor Teacher
  10. Stephanie Mollenkopf – Mentor Teacher
  11. Mike Buczkowski – Mentor Teacher
  12. Chris Ulerick – Head Varsity Football Coach
- e. Presentation of March, 2022 Treasurer’s & Revenue Reports

*Unanimous 4-0*

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

a. Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to grant approval for Mr. Evans, Ms. Lukens, Mrs. Hierlmeier & Mrs. Paschen to attend the Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy in Indianapolis - May 19 & 20, 2022.

*Unanimous 4-0*

b. Roger Byrum moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve removal of assets

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c. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to grant approval for a summer custodial student intern.

*Unanimous 4-0*

d. Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to grant approval for the Robotics Team to travel to Dallas, Texas for the VEX IQ World Championships - May 7 through May 13, 2022

*Unanimous 4-0*

e. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to accept donations to the Caston’s Robotics Team for travel expenses.

*Unanimous 4-0*

f. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to grant approval for the Visible Learning Team to present at the Visible Learning National Conference to be held July 26 & 27, 2022 in Aurora, Colorado.

*Unanimous 4-0*

**Other Business: None**

**Reports/Information:**

ECA monthly financial report (March 2022)

Principal’s Reports

Caston Elementary Kindergarten Parent Night is at 7:00 p.m. on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-four students have signed up using Final Forms. Caston’s Elementary Battle of the Books passed the first round of competition and moves on to round two next week. Kindergarten and First grade classes will attend the Walk into My Future field trip at Ivy Tech in Logansport on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Caston High School competed in the HNAC Math Contest with five students being in the top 10. Some of the upcoming events for the high school students include the High School Spring Concert, High School Prom, Spring Play, Senior Awards, and the FFA Banquet.

Curriculum Report

Mrs. Angie Miller reported that planning and discussion has begun for Summer School. Mrs. Miller also thanked the board for paying the mentor teachers for their services this school year.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Voigt reminded the board the Covid Relief expires June 30, 2022. Dr. Voigt suggested Caston families be notified they will once again be paying for student meals and that there is a likelihood of price increase for meals.

**Public Comment: None**

**Board Comment:**

The need for an Executive Session was discussed and one is scheduled for May 25, 2022, following the regular board meeting.

The next regular board meeting will be held on May 25, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. in the Bruce E. Cress Boardroom of the Caston Administration Building.

**Adjournment:** Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Roger Byrum that the regular meeting be adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

***Unanimous 4-0***

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