

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

Board President, Chad Boldry, called the January 20, 2021, meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:31 P.M. Present at the session were board members: Mr. Jeffery Smith, Mrs. Beth Howard, and Mr. Roger Byrum. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Paul Voigt and Corporation Attorney, Mr. Rhett Lee. Others present were Mr. Chuck Evans, Ms. Jennifer Lukens, Mrs. Angie Miller, Mrs. Anita Doan, Ms. Susan Loftain, and Ms. Colleen Diveley.

Celebrations:

Congratulations to Caston wrestlers, Ethan Amezquita, who won the HNAC wrestling conference championship, and Austin Dague, who placed second. The Caston Elementary and Junior High Robotics teams recently competed against 46 other teams in two tourneys. One of the two teams advanced to the finals.

Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

Consent Agenda: Beth Howard moved, and was seconded by Roger Byrum to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- a. Approve minutes of the 1-6-21 Annual Reorganization Meeting, the Board of Finance Meeting and the Public Work Session of the Caston School Board of Trustees
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Employment Recommendations:
 Sam DuVall – Volunteer wrestling coach for the Caston Wrestling program
- d. Presentation and review of December, 2020 Treasurer’s Report and Revenue Reports

Unanimous 4-0

Old Business: None

New Business:

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to grant approval for the Caston JH Baseball Club to utilize school facilities for practice/events as approved by the Athletic Director & Principal during the 2021 school year .

Unanimous 4-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to grant approval for a planned maintenance agreement with Havel for services on our HVAC systems through December 31, 2022

Unanimous 4-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to approve the resolution for year-end transfers necessary to close out the 2020 Fiscal Year.

Unanimous 4-0

The Board discussed the Board Policy Revisions & Adoption of New Policies: (1st Reading)

1. Bylaw 1220 – Employment of Superintendent - Revision
2. Bylaw 2370.02 – Flex Program - Technical revision
3. Bylaws 2623 – Student Assessment - Revised
4. Bylaw 2700 – Annual Performance Report - Revised
5. Bylaw 3220 – Staff Evaluation - Revised
6. Bylaw 5111 – Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students Without Legal Settlement in the Corporation - Revised
7. Bylaw 5130 – Withdrawal from School – Technical revision
8. Bylaws 5610 – Suspension and Expulsion of Students – Revised
9. Bylaws 5895 – Student Employment – Revised
10. Bylaws 8390 – Animals on School Corporation Property – Revised
11. Bylaws 8400 – School Safety – Revised
12. Bylaws 8405 – Environmental Health and Safety Issues – Revised
13. Bylaws 8462 – Child Abuse or Neglect – Revised
14. Bylaws 8600 – Transportation – Revised
15. Bylaws 8800 – Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances – Revised
16. Bylaws 9700 – Relations with Special Interest Groups - Revised

Consensus

Other Business: Beth Howard moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve employment of Rick Baker for the Caston custodial staff.

Unanimous 4-0

Reports/Information:

ECA monthly financial report (Dec. 2020)

Superintendent Report

Dr. Voigt gave the board a detailed update on the progress of the 2020 GSC Project.

The School Board of Trustees annual retreat was tentatively scheduled for February 24, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Caston School Corporation Administration Building.

The new Caston website is expected to become available by January 31, 2021

Curriculum Report

Testing is wrapping up. Comparison from last winter's scores to this winter's scores will be studied.

iPad checklist is a success.

Principal's Reports

The Baby Wipe Drive, headed by Ginger Slisher, received 473 packages of donated wipes and \$47.00 from Caston Elementary students and others for the Area 5 Mom's Group.

Caston's third graders are number one in our region for the Read to the Final Four initiative. Oliver Peters is the number two reader for our region.

The Circuit Board program sponsored the Fulton County Extension Office continues for the Caston Fourth Grade this year.

The high school NWEA scores have maintained with very little drop in scores, and the scores for individual growth look good.

The junior high hybrid teaching program continues to be very successful and is keeping students from missing school days due to Covid-19.

Public Comment:

Anita Doan shared the news of the passing of Karla Gregory, long time Caston area resident, and sister-in-law of Mrs. Teresa Rentschler, retired Caston teacher.

Board Comment:

The next board meeting will be held on February 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building.

Adjournment: Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Roger Byrum that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Unanimous 4-0

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