

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

Board President, Chad Boldry, called the November 10, 2021, meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:30 P.M. Present at the session were board members: Mrs. Beth Howard, Mrs. Cristie Rans, and Mr. Roger Byrum. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Paul Voigt, Mr. Chuck Evans, Ms. Jennifer Lukens, Mrs. Angie Miller, Ms. Anita Doan, Mrs. Shelly Sarver, Ms. Susan Loftain, and Ms. Colleen Diveley.

2. Celebrations:

Dr. Voigt announced the November Staff Spotlight, honoree is staff member, Jerry Baker. Mr. Baker is a full time Caston bus driver. He was nominated by his supervisor, Mr. Josh Lowe, who cited Jerry's dedication to his job and for always going above and beyond on behalf of the Caston School Corporation. He received a gift bag valued at over \$150.00 in gift certificates from area businesses, as well as a customized Caston polo shirt, compliments of the Winning Edge, of Rochester. Dr. Voigt expressed his thanks for Mr. Baker's dedication to his job here at Caston.

Dr. Voigt also announced the Veteran's Day celebration taking place in the High School gym on November 11, 2021.

Roger Byrum commended the Caston Robotics teams for a successful Cobweb Classic Invitational Competition held at Caston. Over thirty-five teams from Northern Indiana and the Indianapolis area competed against each other on October 30, 2021. Caston Superintendent, Dr. Paul Voigt, volunteered throughout the day.

Mrs. Shelly Sarver gave the board, and all present a slideshow presentation on Dyslexia and Caston's Reading Interventions.

3. Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

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

- a. Approve minutes for meetings as follows:
 1. Minutes of the Budget Adoption, Public Meeting for Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement, and Approval of Superintendent Contract held Wednesday, October 20, 2021
 2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, October 20, 2021
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Resignations/retirement: None
- d. Approval for hiring/volunteer service of the following individuals:
 1. Jordan Santillana, High School Instructional Assistant
- e. Presentation and review of October, 2021 Treasurer's Report and Revenue Report

Unanimous 4-0

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business:

1. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to grant approval for 2022 ISBA Membership for Caston School Corporation

Unanimous 4-0

2. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Beth Howard to grant approval for the purchase of an MF2806 Compact Tractor and attachments

Unanimous 4-0

3. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to approve the Caston Elementary School and Caston Jr./Sr. High School Improvement Plans

Unanimous 4-0

4. Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to grant approval for Caston School Corporation 2022-23 school calendar

Unanimous 4-0

7. Other Business:

a. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve the use of facilities request for Parent - Son/Daughter Workout on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Fitness/Weight Room

Unanimous 3-0
Roger Byrum abstained

b. Beth Howard moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to approve the use of facilities request for TRC Travel Basketball Practice on Sundays from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the gym

Unanimous 4-0

c. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve the professional conference request of Dr. Paul Voigt to attend the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendent's (IAPSS) conference on December 7-8 in Indianapolis, IN.

Unanimous 4-0

8. Reports/Information:

ECA Monthly Financial Report (October 2021)

Principal's Report

Ms. Lukens reported things are going well. The elementary has enrolled eight new students this week. Mr. Evans announced the upcoming Veteran's Day program will be student-led, with the ACP class members presenting. Caston's choir and band will be participating in the program which is a shorter version this year. Mr. Evans also said the new band and choir directors are doing a great job.

Curriculum Report

Mrs. Miller said it is nearly time for mid-year assessments to begin, with data analysis beginning January 4, 2022. Third Grade curriculum mapping will also begin in January. Mrs. Tina Paschen has introduced the Graduation Pathways program at Caston. Project Lead the Way has become so successful that two additional 3D printers have been ordered for the growing program.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Voigt touched on upcoming student testing and the analyzing of those results.

Transfer Report

Caston has had students transfer out of district this school year but has had far more students transferring into the district. Dr. Voigt presented a statistical chart of student population to the board. The numbers shown were from the 2020-2021 school year. The student population for the 2020-2021 year was 681. As of September 17, 2021, the student population was 733, and as of today, November 10th, the count is at 749. February 1, 2022 is the next student count date. Dr. Voigt’s goal is for Caston to be family friendly and welcoming to it’s patrons. We will celebrate the successes of our students and staff and be a school and workplace where people want to belong.

9. Public Comment:

Ms. Anita Doan gave her appreciation to Central Office for the timely processing of the new teacher contracts, pay amounts, and payroll submission.

10. Board Comment:

At the November 5th Safety Meeting, it was discussed whether cameras or a security system would be a wise investment for the corporation. Motion activated cameras were the favored choice.

The Caston Girls’ Varsity and JV Basketball teams are off to a good start this season.

Mr. Allender and the school band were praised for their performance at the ballgames so far this year.

The next regular board meeting will be held on December 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., in the Bruce E. Cress Boardroom, Caston Administration Building.

11. Adjournment: Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Unanimous 4-0

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