

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

Board President, Chad Boldry, called the May 19, 2021, meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:30 P.M. Present at the session were board members: Mr. Jeffery Smith, Mrs. Beth Howard, Mrs. Cristie Rans, and Mr. Roger Byrum. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Paul Voigt and Corporation Attorney, Mr. Rhett Lee. Others present were Ms. Jennifer Lukens, Mrs. Angie Miller, Ms. Anita Doan, Ms. Susan Loftain, Ms. Michelle Gillen; Director of Special Education for Caston, Eastern Pulaski and Pioneer School Corporations, and Ms. Colleen Diveley.

Celebrations:

Nick Stuber, Caston High School Social Studies teacher, was recognized as Teacher of the Year for 2020-2021 by the James F. Talbott VFW Post 1121.

Vince Huffman, Caston High School Social Studies Teacher, was recognized as Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020 by the James F. Talbott VFW Post 1121.

Melinda Shultz, English Department Chair, has been recognized by Indiana University for her 11 Years of teaching ACP (Advanced College Placement) English classes.

Caston JH/SH English students were HNAC Writing Competition winners for the fourth consecutive year.

Caston JH/HS Math students competed and finished fourth overall at the HNAC Math Competition this year.

A 500.00 donation was presented to the Comet Closet by the Fulton County REMC. This money is for supplies to stock the Comet Closet.

Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

Consent Agenda: Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- a. Approve minutes of the following meetings:
 1. April 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Approve resignation/retirement as follows:
 1. Olivia Wooland – Instrumental Music Teacher – effective the end of the 2020-2021 academic year
 2. Michelle Byrn – Vocal/General Music Teacher – effective the end of the 2020-2021 academic year
- d. Approve hiring as follows:
 1. Summer School Positions as follows:
 1. Nick Korniak – Summer SAE
 2. Melinda Shultz & Rich Shultz – Comet Academy
- e. Presentation and review of April, 2021 Treasurer’s Reports & Revenue Reports

Unanimous 5-0

Old Business: None

Other Business: Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to accept the resignation of Caston School Corporation Art Teacher, Erica Coffing, effective immediately.

Unanimous 5-0

New Business:

Ms. Deb Lecklider, via Zoom, gave an update on Caston's Strategic Planning. The Vision, Mission, and Belief statements are completed. Ms. Lecklider is scheduled to return to meet with the committee on June 2, 2021, at the Fulton Community Center. The Community Center has graciously offered the use of the building at no cost.

Ms. Michelle Gillen gave an update on the Shared Special Education Services between Caston, Eastern Pulaski and Pioneer school corporations.

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve the out-of-district enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year

Unanimous 5-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to permit the transfer within funds as necessary for 6-month Form 9 submission

Unanimous 5-0

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to approve resolution for transfer of funds to Rainy Day

Unanimous 5-0

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve recommended textbook fees for the 2021-22 school year

Unanimous 5-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve adoption of Board Resolution for COVID-19 Additional Leave

Unanimous 5-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve a Board Resolution for a one-time stipend for extra duties to all employees brought on by COVID -19 through end of 2020-21

Unanimous 5-0

Roger Byrum moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve the 2021-2022 Re-Entry Plan for Caston School Corporation

Unanimous 5-0

Reports/Information:

ECA Monthly Financial Report (April 2021)

Principal's Report

Jennifer Lukens reported there was to be no 5th Grade Trip this year due to Covid shutting down so many places the students would go on their trip. Monday, May 24th, will be a full day of fun activities for the fifth graders.

Curriculum Report

Angie Miller said the ILearn testing is complete for this year. She also gave an update on the Dual Credit courses offered here at Caston.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Voigt told the board that the second round of CARES money has been approved. Dr. Voigt thanked Mrs. Angie Miller for her help in applying for the federal funding. Dr. Voigt also mentioned to the board that the deadline for bids for the wastewater treatment plant has been re-set to May 26, 2021. The bids will be opened at 6:30 p.m., in the Bruce E. Cress boardroom. The board has received the Budget Prep Schedule for the 2022 budget.

Public Comment: Anita Doan thanked Dr. Voigt and the School Board for the return of sick days used due to Covid -19, and for the one-time stipend to all staff members of the corporation.

Board Comment:

Beth Howard commented on the success of Caston's Jr.-Sr. prom. The venue was excellent and the prom was an overall success.

The next board meeting will be held on June 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Caston Administration Building.

Adjournment: Beth Howard moved, seconded by Jeff Smith that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Unanimous 5-0

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