

**MINUTES OF THE OATH OF OFFICE AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF
CASTON SCHOOL CORPORATION**

Executive Session: The Caston Board of School Trustees met Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the administration building for an executive session under the authority of IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. Present were Board members Mr. Jason Herd, Mr. Bruce Cress, Mrs. Beth Howard, Mr. Gary Baumgardner, Mrs. Michaela Slisher and Superintendent-Mrs. Lucinda Douglass. The governing body discussed no subject matter in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

Regular Meeting: Board President Bruce Cress called the regular meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:33 P.M. Present at the meeting were Board members Mr. Jason Herd, Mr. Bruce Cress, Mrs. Beth Howard, Mr. Gary Baumgardner, Mrs. Michaela Slisher and Superintendent-Mrs. Lucinda Douglass. Also attending were: Chuck Evans, Jr-Sr High School Principal; Angela Miller, Curriculum Coordinator; Katie Miller, Elementary Principal; Anita Doan, Maribeth Brash, and Vance Monical.

Celebrations:

- Caston School Corporation currently has an IHSAA sportsmanship rating of 101, placing us in the top 10 in the state.
- Jennifer Richter and Deb Walsh have been conducting Ag on the Bus – a program supported through Indiana Farm Bureau. This provides fun, educational activities for the kids as they sit and wait to enter the building in the morning. Pictures of some of the activities were shared with those at the board meeting.
- Recently Mr. & Mrs. Byrn attended the IMEA Professional Development Conference. Three of our students, Adam Rush, Sarah Kistler and Samuel Smith represented Caston in the IMEA Middle School Honor Choir .

Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

Consent Agenda:

Jason Herd moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve consent agenda items as follows:

- a. Approve minutes of the January 5, 2016 Regular Board Meeting (*with recommended revisions*)
- b. Approve minutes of the January 5, 2016 Board of Finance Meeting
- c. Presentation and review of claims
- d. Approve letter of resignation from Mrs. Julie Birge

Unanimous 5-0

Old Business: None

New Business:

The board heard a presentation by Vance Monical of Community State Bank informing them of the corporation's investment of funds. This was for informational purposes only.

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Jason Herd to approve the resolution for transfer of funds to Rainy Day

Unanimous 5-0

Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Beth Howard to increase the work hours for the EC Treasurer to 8 hours daily retroactive to January 4, 2016.

Unanimous 5-0

Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Beth Howard to accept conflict of interest statements from Gary Baumgardner and Jason Herd.

Unanimous 5-0

Jason Herd moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve the 2016-17 Caston School Corporation Calendar as presented by the calendar committee.

Unanimous 5-0

Other Business:

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Jason Herd to approve the rescheduling of the board retreat as follows: **February 24, 2016 from 5:00 – 9:00 PM**

Unanimous 5-0

Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to accept an anonymous donation to Caston Athletic Department for \$3015.00.

Unanimous 5-0

Reports/Information:

- a. Curricular Programs and Services to Students at Caston
 - 1. Maribeth Brash – Minds in Motion Program
- b. Building-Level Administrator’s Reports
- c. Receipts and Expenditures of Extra-Curricular Accounts

Public Comment: (None)

Board Comment:

- Bruce Cress asked about the progress of the construction projects.
- Jason Herd reported that students will be present at the Caston/Pioneer Basketball games to raise money for the Green Beret Foundation. We have a parent of Caston students, Mr. Ryan Zimpleman, who is currently deployed with a Green Beret unit.
- Jason Herd stated that he would be serving as a board representative for the Distinguished Alumni Committee, and expressed the importance of this program. He also wants to get the word out about submitting nominations for this year’s distinguished alumni.
- Michaela Slisher asked about the Administrative Building’s water and sewage repairs which occurred recently and asked if problems were corrected.

Adjournment:

Jason Herd moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher that the regular meeting be adjourned. At 7:52 P.M.

Unanimous 5-0

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