

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

The Caston Board of School Trustees met Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the administration for the regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees. Present were Board members Mrs. Beth Howard, Mrs. Michaela Slisher, Mr. Bruce Cress, Mr. Gary Baumgardner and Mr. Jason Herd. Superintendent - Mrs. Lucinda Douglass and corporation attorney, Andrew Achey also were in attendance. Also attending was Angela Miller, Katie Miller, Chuck Evans, Jennifer Lukens and Fulton County Sherriff, Chris Sailors. Board President, Mr. Bruce Cress, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Celebrations: Sarah Kistler, Adam Rush, and Samuel Smith have been selected for the 2016 IMEA Middle School Honor Choir! This is great honor for these students and our school! They will perform at the Embassy Theater in Fort Wayne January 14-15, 2016.

Caston Jr/Sr High School Music Department provided a Fall Concert for the community. It was well attended, and a great source of quality entertainment for the community, as well as a showcase of our talent. Thanks to James and Michelle Byrn for coordinating the program.

Mr. Vincent Huffman planned and coordinated a Veteran's Day Program for the community, students and staff. World War II Veteran & former prisoner of war, Jim Myers, was recognized for his service to the nation. Mr. Huffman shared his story in a presentation to the students and staff. Approximately 30 veterans and their families were in attendance and enjoyed a breakfast provided by the Caston Cafeteria staff and participated in the program.

Caston FFA recently attended the National Convention in Louisville, KY. They were publicly awarded with the highest level of recognition that a chapter can receive nationally.

Congratulations to Addie Sarver who was recently named Academic-All-State for Soccer.

Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

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

- 1) Approve minutes of the October 20, 2015 Regular Meeting and Budget Adoption Meeting
- 2) Presentation and review of claims
- 3) Approve hiring/volunteer service of the following individuals:
 - 1) Steve Maroney, volunteer assistant wrestling
 - 2) Nathan Speitel, Elementary Math Academic Team Coach
 - 3) Teresa Button, Elementary Math Academic Team Coach
 - 4) Maribeth Brash, Elementary Spell Bowl Coach
 - 5) Maribeth Brash, Elementary Student Council Sponsor
 - 6) Maribeth Brash, Elementary Concessions
 - 7) Blake Mollenkopf, Teresa Button and Nicole Monical – shared responsibility for Elementary National Honor Society (split stipend 3-ways)
- 4) Presentation and review of October's Treasurer's Report and Revenue Report

Unanimous 5-0

Old Business: None

New Business:

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Jason Herd to approve the second official reading of proposed additions, deletions and revisions to board bylaws and policies for the following:

- 1) 0100 - Bylaws
- 2) 0131.1 & 0131.2 - Bylaws
- 3) 0144.3, 0144.4 & 0144.5 - Bylaws
- 4) 1130 – Conflict of Interest (Administration)
- 5) 1214 – Staff Gifts
- 6) 2410 – Audio, Video, and Digital Recording of Meetings
- 7) 2421 – Career and Technical Education Program
- 8) 2423 (Deleted Policy)
- 9) 2430 – Corporation Sponsored Clubs and Activities
- 10) 3113 (New Policy) – Conflict of Interest (Professional Staff)
- 11) 3120.08 – Employment of Personnel for EC Activities
- 12) 3140 – Termination and Resignation
- 13) 3214 – Staff Gifts
- 14) 4113 (New Policy) – Conflict of Interest
- 15) 4140 (New Policy) – Termination & Resignation (Support Staff)
- 16) 4214 – Staff Gifts (Support Staff)
- 17) 5540 – The Schools and Governmental Agencies
- 18) 5610 – Suspension and Expulsion of Students
- 19) 5610.02 – In-School Discipline
- 20) 6320 - Purchasing
- 21) 6460 – Conflicts of Interest and Vendor Relations
- 22) 8390 – Animals on School Corporation Property
- 23) 8500 – Food Services
- 24) 9610 – (New Policy) Staff Social Media Policy
- 25) 9700.01 (New Policy) Advertising, Commercial Activities, Sponsorships and Naming Rights

Unanimous 5-0

Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve the Caston FFA’s attendance at District Leadership CDE event on March 16, 2016 (*Date set by state committee*)

Unanimous 5-0

Jason Herd moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve the request for asset disposal/transfer and utilization of on-line auction for items of monetary value per fixed asset inventory process as presented on itemized list.

Unanimous 5-0

Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to accept grants for school cafeteria equipment as follows:

- 1) DOE DoAg Fund grant reimbursements up to \$18,000 as approved 11/02/15 by OAG-Advisor
- 2) 2015 Foodservice Equipment grant for \$4000 to be utilized for new milk cooler – provided by The American Dairy Association Indiana, Inc.

Unanimous 5-0

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve the proposal from Michiana Contracting, Inc., for two projects to the Educational Facility – choral classroom remodel and weight/fitness facility upgrades

Unanimous 5-0

Other Business:

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve Braden Chandler to serve as a volunteer assistant for the Caston Boys' Basketball Program.

Unanimous 5-0

Reports/Information: The following reports were presented to the board for review and discussion:

- a. Principal's Reports & Instructional Updates
- b. October, 2015 P/T Conference Data
- c. Caston Educational Center Extra Curricular Reports

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Bruce Cress asked about the progress of the outdoor buildings being built/remodeled. He also stated that he had talked with custodial staff and felt we should investigate the use of the old weight room for a custodial work area including installation of large double doors to get larger equipment in and out.

Gary Baumgardner stated that the corporation might want to evaluate the bandwidth of Internet service if considering E-Learning days, as it may need to increase the level of service.

Adjournment: Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner that the regular meeting be adjourned. At 8:14 P.M.

Unanimous 5-0

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