

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

**Call to Order:** Board President Chad Boldry called the November 20, 2019 meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:37 P.M. Present were board members Jeff Smith, Beth Howard, Chad Boldry & Cristie Rans. Also present were Superintendent Cindy Douglass, Corporation Attorney Andrew Achey, Chuck Evans, Jennifer Lukens, Angela Miller, Josh Overmyer, Anita Doan, Karen Byrum, Board Member Elect- Roger Byrum, RTC Camera Crew, and Colleen Diveley

**Caston School Corporation Celebrations:** It was noted that the recent Red for Ed rally in Indianapolis was very well represented by teachers across Indiana. Jennifer Lukens said the Elementary Spell Bowl team placed second at their competition, losing only by one point

**Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items:** None

**Consent Agenda:** Beth Howard moved, and was seconded by Jeff Smith to approve the consent agenda items as presented:

- a. Approve minutes for meetings as follows:
  1. Budget Adoption held Wednesday, October 16, 2019
  2. Public Meeting for Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement October 16, 2019
  3. Regular Meeting held Wednesday, October 16, 2019
  4. Executive Session held Wednesday, October 16, 2019
  5. Special Meeting held Monday, November 4, 2019
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Approval for hiring/volunteer service of the following individuals:
  1. Mr. Narciso Sanchez, Elementary Spell Bowl Coach
  2. Rachel Burns, Parent Volunteer for FFA
- d. Accept resignations/retirement notices as follows:
  1. Resignation of Roger Byrum, Robotics Coach
- e. Presentation and review of October 2019 Treasurer's Report and Revenue Report

***Unanimous 4-0***

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve recommended updates to the classified employee handbook and eligible pay increases for classified staff to be determined at a later time

***Unanimous 4-0***

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve Compensation for overnight stay/parking for Don Helmick & Jim Johnson for expenses incurred at Fall School Safety Academy in the amount of \$283.92

***Unanimous 4-0***

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve the 2019-20 ISBA Membership for Caston School Corp.

***Unanimous 4-0***

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve Caston Elementary School & Caston Jr./Sr. High School's 2019-2020 School Improvement Plans

***Unanimous 4-0***

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve 5:30 PM on January 8, 2020, as the date/time for 2019-2020 Caston School Board of Trustees Annual Board Retreat.

***Unanimous 4-0***

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve the Comet Flames Wrestling Club to utilize school facilities for practices/events as approved by the Athletic Dir. & Principal during the 2019-2020 school year.

***Unanimous 4-0***

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve Emcor Construction Services Midwest to serve as Energy Savings Company (ESCO) for Caston School Corporation per RFQ submitted timely and in accordance with IC 36-1-12.5 for purposes of developing cost-effective energy efficiency projects for the School Corporation.

*Unanimous 4-0*

*[At this point, the swearing in for Roger E. Byrum was conducted after being postponed earlier in the meeting due to the delayed arrival of Mr. Achey, Corporation Attorney]*

Oath of Office & Installation of Roger E. Byrum, Adams Township Seat: Performed at 7:00 p.m. by Caston Attorney, Andrew Achey.

*[Resumption of Board Meeting at 7:04 p.m. with all five board members residing]*

Roger Byrum moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve a resolution to commemorate the service of the late Caston School Board of Trustees President, Bruce Cress, by naming the board room “*The Bruce E. Cress Board Room,*” and to frame the board-approved resolution for display in a prominent place in the board room.

*Unanimous 5-0*

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve the professional meeting/visitation request of Superintendent, Cindy Douglass to attend the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendent’s Annual State Meeting December 4-6 in Indianapolis, IN.

*Unanimous 5-0*

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve the request of Jr/Sr High Principal, Chuck Evans, to proceed with planning for trip to Washington DC for JH students and/or coordinate trip with area school.

*Unanimous 5-0*

**Other Business:** Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve the proposed Caston Trap Shooting Club, to be offered to high school students only, at this time.

*Unanimous 5-0*

**Reports and Information:**

- a. Principal’s Reports
- b. Updated Form 54 for state distribution

**Public Comment: None**

**Board Comment:** Chad Boldry announced the next regular board meeting will be held December 18, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Building.

**Adjournment:** Beth Howard moved, seconded by Jeff Smith that the meeting be adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

*Unanimous 5-0*

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