

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

The Caston Board of School Trustees met Tuesday, November 4, 2014, in the administration building. Present were Board members Mr. Russell Phillips, Mrs. Michaela Slisher, Mr. Jason Herd, Mr. Gary Baumgardner and Mr. Bruce Cress. Also present was Superintendent, Mrs. Lucinda Douglass; Corporation Attorney, Mr. Bob Murray; High School Principal, Mr. Dale Osburn and Elementary Principal, Mrs. Katie Miller.

Regular Meeting: Board President, Mr. Jason Herd, called the regular meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 P.M.

Celebrations: The following celebrations were shared with those in attendance:

- The HS Spell Bowl team competed at Western High School placing 3rd. Team members included Tim Kieninger, Taylor Fenstermaker, Madison Shultz, Jon Williams, Angel Williams, Eliscia Hozey, and Miranda Thornton.
- Caston Elementary School has been selected as the "WalMart School of the Year" by the Logansport WalMart. They provided 20 -\$50 WalMart Gift Cards. Each gift card was attached to a chrysanthemum and they also brought in a tray of cookies for a staff celebration in our conference room. The gift cards were given to each elementary teacher to use as they wished.
- Jr/Sr High students having an attendance rate of 96% or better were entered into a drawing for Wal-Mart gift cards. Winners of \$25 cards were: Zachorie Conrad, Payton Hedrick, Maegan Pendley, and Sam Rhymer
- Kaden Brouyette, Kate Cress, Caitlyn Otteman, Jena Chandler and Kylee Young were each the recipients of either \$50 or \$20 Walmart Gift Cards for their contributions to a poster contest sponsored by "Partnership for a Drug Free Community." Their posters will be used for a Red Ribbon Week bulletin board at Caston.

FALL SPORTS TEAMS:

- Congratulations to Seth Cousins and Santiago Henderson for being named to the All Cass County Cross Country Team. Also, Dalton Daily was named CC Honorable Mention All State
- Congratulations to Adrianna Dague for making it all the way to the State Finals for Cross Country! Adrianna was the first girl from Caston to advance to the state CC meet. She finished 114th out of 208 and represented Caston very well.
- Jacqueline Rans - Named "All Conference" in VB
- Dustin Offenberger & Brayton Jellison named "All Conference" in Football
- Tim Strasser - Named "MWC Golf Coach of the Year"

Agriculture and FFA Awards:

- Our FFA members and Mrs. Butcher had a very successful National FFA Convention. The Ag Communications CDE Team of Adrianna Dague, Addie Sarver and Bryana Slisher placed 9th and received a Gold Emblem ranking. Addie received a Gold Emblem individually while Adrianna and Bryana received a Silver Emblem Individually. Also, Dalton Daily and Winston Weller accepted the award for being a 3-Star Gold Emblem Chapter! A brief explanation of the FFA Award System: Gold Emblem is the highest ranking you can receive, Silver the next and Bronze being the lowest. In the case of Ag Communications they gave the Gold Emblem ranking to the Top 10 teams, the Chapter ranking 3-Star and Gold is given to the Top 1% of Chapters.

Public comment re: advertised items: none

Consent Agenda: Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- A. Approve minutes of the October 7, 2014 Budget Adoption and Regular Meeting
- B. Approve minutes of the October 23, 2014 Executive Session
- C. Presentation and review of claims # 36132 through #36303 inclusive for payment totaling \$646,762.53.
- D. Approval for Mr. Bryce McDonald and Mr. JR Howell to split the weight room supervision

- E. Approval for Mr. Eric Linn and Mr. Jake Howdeshell to work as volunteers with the boys' basketball team for the 14-15 season.
- F. Approval for Mr. Richard Phelps to be employed as an instructional assistant for 5.75 hours daily at \$11.00 per hour.
- G. Approval for Mr. Mark Evans to work as a volunteer with the girls' basketball team for the 14-15 season.
- H. Accept the resignation of Ms. Vicki Lee Wagoner from the position of Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher effective November 4, 2014.
- I. Treasurer's Report for October, 2014.

Unanimous 5 - 0

Old Business:

- A. Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the second reading of board policies as listed. *(The Board recognizes that policy 8500-Food Services was included as a part of both the first and second readings reviewed by the board, although it was mistakenly omitted from the agenda. It was unanimously agreed that policy 8500 was given a 1st and 2nd reading along with all other policies and should be approved as a part of the review by the board as listed.)*

- 1. Bylaws 0130 - Functions
- 2. Policy 2700 - Annual Performance Report
- 3. Policy 1220 - Employment of the Superintendent
- 4. Policy 8311 - Public Access to Employee Contracts
- 5. Policy 1240 - Evaluation of the Superintendent
- 6. Policy 1241- Non-Reemployment of the Superintendent
- 7. Policy 1543 - Non-Renewal of Administrative Contracts
- 8. Policy 3124 - Employment Contracts with Professional Employees
- 9. Policy 3131 - Reduction in Force in Certificated Staff
- 10. Policy 5114 - Nonimmigrant students and foreign exchange programs
- 11. Policy 5320 - Immunization
- 12. Policy 5830 - Student Fund Raising
- 13. Policy 8510 - Wellness
- 14. Policy 9270 - Equivalent Instruction for Compulsory Attendance Compliance Purposes
- 15. Policy 2221 - Mandatory Curriculum
- 16. Policy 8432 - Pest Control and use of Pesticides
- 17. Policy 8540 - Vending Machines
- 18. Policy 9210 - Parent Organizations
- 19. Policy 9211 - Corporation -Support Organizations
- 20. Policy 5605 - Suspension and Expulsion of Students with Disabilities
- 21. Policy 5630.01 V2 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint with Students
- 22. Policy 1617 - Weapons
- 23. Policy 3217 - Weapons
- 24. Policy 4217 - Weapons
- 25. Policy 5772 - Weapons
- 26. Policy 7217 - Possession of Firearms and Weapons by Visitors
- 27. Policy 1615 - Use of Tobacco by Administrators
- 28. Policy 3215 - Use of Tobacco by Professional Staff
- 29. Policy 4215 - Use of Tobacco by Support Staff
- 30. Policy 5512 - Use of Tobacco (Students)
- 31. Policy 7434 - Use of Tobacco by Visitors
- 32. POLICY 8500 – FOOD SERVICES

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New Business:

- A. Mrs. Slisher moved, seconded by Mr. Cress to approve the attendance of Mrs. Lucinda Douglass at the IASBO Human Resources Issues Seminar on November 13, 2014 at Plainfield, IN.

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- B. Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve changes to the following appointments as necessary due to personnel changes:

- Corporation Assistant Treasurer - Mrs. Angela Douglass
- Extra Curricular Fund (E.C.F.) Treasurer – Mrs. Marcia Tucker
- E.C.F. Financial Administrator – Mr. Dale Osburn
- E.C.F. Assistant Financial Administrator – Mrs. Katie Miller (along with Ms. Debb Stevens who was previously approved.)

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- C. Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mrs. Slisher to approve the proposal to adopt a 4.0 grade scale for the Class of 2018 and beyond as presented by Mr. Dale Osburn, HS Principal

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Other Business:

- A. Mrs. Slisher moved, seconded by Mr. Cress to approve the proposal for “All Star Driving School” to utilize Caston’s facilities free of charge for purposes of providing driver’s education instruction to Caston, as well as surrounding communities, starting December, 2014 as presented by Mr. Joel Burrus. The board stipulated that proper liability insurance be provided holding Caston harmless of any potential accident that could result from participation in the program while on school grounds.

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Reports/Information:

- Caston Jr/Sr High School Alternative Learning Program – information presented by Mr. Dale Osburn
- Report of compliance for IDEA, Part B
- Update on out-of-district bus route
- 2014 Revenue as of 10/31/14

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

- Mr. Phillips asked about transportation software usage
- Mr. Phillips asked about marketing strategies and timeline
- Mr. Phillips asked about corporation attorney and future replacement
- Mr. Cress thanked Mr. Osburn for his efforts in getting the Alternative Program underway
- Mr. Cress commented on the nice Fall Concert
- Mr. Cress congratulated the FFA on their achievements

Adjournment: Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

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