

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

The Caston Board of School Trustees met Tuesday, December 16, 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; Mrs. Beth Howard, newly elected board member and Andrew Achey.

**Public Work Session** – Prior to the meeting the board held a public work session starting at 6:15 PM. The purpose of this work session was to discuss topics pertaining to the routine administration and operation of the school corporation. The session ended at 7:04 p.m.

**Regular Meeting:** President, Mr. Jason Herd, called the regular meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:05 P.M.

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

- Mrs. Douglass shared that Principal Katie Miller received a letter from State Representative Douglas Gutwein congratulating the Elementary School on the receipt of Performance Incentive Award's money.
- Mrs. Douglass shared that within the past week both schools held excellent Christmas Programs. Each was well attended and showcased our music department in an exemplary manner.
- The Caston PTO sponsored "Breakfast with Santa" on December 6<sup>th</sup> and over 200 people attended – it was a very enjoyable event.
- Mrs. Slisher shared several newspaper articles recently highlighting Caston students and events.
- Mrs. Douglass recognized Mr. Phillips for his nearly 50 years of service to public education, and his year's at Caston. He was presented with a gold card for lifetime passes to Caston events as were the other board members.

**Public comment re: advertised items:** none

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

- a. Approve minutes of the November 18, 2014 Public Work Session & Regular Meeting
- b. Presentation and review of claims #36407 through #36558 in the total amount of \$755,649.88
- c. Presentation and review of the November 30, 2014 Treasurer's Report
- d. Accept resignation of Mr. Colton Piercy as Technology Assistant effective December 19, 2014.
- e. Accept resignation of Mrs. Halee Betzner as Jr/Sr High English teacher effective December 19, 2014.
- f. Accept recommendation of Mr. Dale Osburn to employ Mrs. Noreen Brumett as Jr/Sr High School English teacher to replace Mrs. Halee Betzner, Effective January 5, 2015.
- g. Accept recommendation of Ms. Debb Stevens to move Chris Phelps from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls' coaching position previously approved to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball position.
- h. Accept recommendation of Ms. Debb Stevens to hire Mr. Richard Phelps as the 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach

**Unanimous 5 - 0**

**Old Business:** (None)

**New Business:** Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Phillips to accept recommendation from Mrs. Lucinda Douglass, Superintendent for all remaining payroll duties currently being accomplished through the EC/Bookstore position to be shifted to Central Office as of January 1, 2015 to fulfill the plan for shifting of duties developed in May, 2014.

**Unanimous 5-0**

Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mrs. Slisher to approve the Title I 2014-15 Final Allocation of \$264,323.85 for purposes of carrying out the budgeted needs for the Title I Grant.

**Unanimous 5-0**

Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to accept recommendation for Mrs. Lucinda Douglass, Superintendent and Mrs. Angela Chapman, Associate for Finance, to attend the IASBO 2015 Budget Workshops to be held on January 30, 2015, March 13, 2015, April 16, 2015, and May 22, 2015 at MSD of Warren Township Administration Center, Indianapolis.

**Unanimous 5-0**

Mrs. Slisher moved, seconded by Mr. Phillips to accept recommendation for Mrs. Michaela Slisher, Mrs. Beth Howard, and Mrs. Lucinda Douglass and any other interested board members to attend the 2015 ISBA Effective Governance Seminars on February 5, 2015 at Napanee, Indiana.

**Unanimous 5-0**

Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Cress to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Caston Classroom Teachers Association (CCTA) and Caston School Corporation for the distribution of the Performance Incentive Awards Money received December, 2014.

*Unanimous 5-0*

**Other Business:** Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mrs. Slisher to accept the recommendation to nominate Lucinda Douglass as Officio member of the Board of Directors for the Fulton Economic Development Corporation for a period of one year, beginning January 1, 2015 and concluding December 31, 2015.

*Unanimous 5-0*

Mrs. Slisher moved, seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the Board Resolution to Set Expenditure Goals for School Year 2014-2015 as required by IC 20-42.5-3-5.

*Unanimous 5-0*

Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Cress to accept the resignation of Chris Ulerick as Varsity Football Coach.

*Unanimous 5-0*

Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mrs. Slisher to approve appropriation allotment transfers and payment of claims for close of calendar year 2014 budget as necessary.

*Unanimous 5-0*

Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the use of the home economics facility on Saturday January 10, 2015 for the annual community quilting day with no fee assessed for use of the facility – (supervised by Ellen King & Cindy DePyper)

*Unanimous 5-0*

**Reports/Information:** Mrs. Douglass provided the board members with the following reports and information:

- a. 2014 Revenue as of November 30, 2014
- b. 1782 Budget Notice Year 2015 Received Dec. 10, 2014
- c. Article submitted to Pharos Tribune for Superintendent’s Corner, December 17, 2014
- d. Information on Dewslly community services
- e. Information on the CrisisGo! program for schoolwide crisis intervention and prevention

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comment:**

- Mr. Cress congratulated Mrs. Byrn on IMEA award and thanked Mr. Phillips for his years of service.
- Mr. Baumgardner thanked Mr. Phillips for help and guidance as he transitioned onto the board.
- Mr. Herd echoed comments by other board members regarding Mr. Phillips.
- Mrs. Slisher thanked Mr. Phillips for years of service to Caston.
- Mrs. Slisher commented that it was great seeing students from all over the gym coming to the center of the floor to sing the National Anthem at the boys’/girls’ basketball game this past week; including basketball players, band members, cheerleaders and choir members. For a small school it was wonderful to see so many students come together to show respect for their country and represent the school so well to the opposing team and audience.
- Mr. Phillips thanked resigning staff for their commitment to Caston and reflected on time served on the school board as an overall positive experience.

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

*Unanimous 5 - 0*

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