

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

The Caston Board of School Trustees met Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the administration building. Present were Board members Mrs. Beth Howard, Mrs. Michaela Slisher, Mr. Bruce Cress, Mr. Gary Baumgardner and Mr. Jason Herd. Superintendent, Mrs. Lucinda Douglass; Corporation Attorney, Andrew Achey; Elementary Principal, Katie Miller; Curriculum Coordinator, Angela Miller; High School Principal, Chuck Evans; and Anita Doan were also in attendance.

Board President, Mr. Bruce Cress, called the regular meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:01 P.M.

Celebrations: Congratulations to Adrianna Dague and Mitchell Rans – both were named to the Class “A” All-State teams. Also, both the Elementary and Jr. - Sr. High School presented wonderful Christmas programs in December for the community. Caston’s Key Club hosted a Christmas party for patients of the Logansport State Hospital this year. Many students volunteered their time to make this a special event for those patients who were able to attend – they were featured in two local media publications with pictures.

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 November 17, 2015 Regular
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Approve hiring/volunteer service of the following individuals: Mrs. Stephanie Mollenkopf and Mr. Marcus Kay as 5th grade girls’ basketball volunteers
- d. Presentation and review of November Treasurer’s Report and Revenue Report

Unanimous 5-0

Old Business: None

New Business:

Consensus was given for the first reading of revisions to policy 7455 – Accounting System for Fixed Assets

Consensus only – no vote

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve the request from the Home Preservation Extension Homemakers’ Club for use of facility on Saturday, January 9, 2016 for annual quilting day

Unanimous 5-0

Jason Herd moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve adoption of board resolution for the 2015-16 expenditure goals

Unanimous 5-0

Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve appropriation allotment transfers and payment of claims necessary for close of calendar year 2015 budget as necessary.

Unanimous 5-0

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded Beth Howard to establish the date for the 2016 Board Reorganization Meeting on January 5, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

Unanimous 5-0

Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve the 2016 ISBA Membership for Caston School Corporation

Unanimous 5-0

Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve the request for James & Michelle Byrn for attendance at the IMEA Professional Development Conference on January 15 – 16 at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Unanimous 5-0

Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve Mrs. Lucinda Douglass, Superintendent, to serve as Officio member of the Board of Directors for the Fulton Economic Development Corporation for a period of one year, beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.

Unanimous 5-0

Other Business:

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve the cancellation of old/outstanding checks dated August of 2008 – May of 2013.

Unanimous 5-0

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

- a. Building-Level Administrator’s Reports
- b. Final review of Summer Food Service Program
- c. Future improvements to facility information
- d. New Year’s Welcome Back – Staff Recognition
- e. October & November, 2015 SA5-1 Extra-Curricular Reports
- f. Local School Superintendents Speak Out About School Success

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Michaela Slisher stated that she felt the main lobby concession stand should be a priority for future projects, as it was in need of updates and repairs.

Bruce Cress stated that Caston may want to investigate an option for an above-ground fuel tank and suggested that we consult with Pioneer School Corporation who just underwent a similar change in their corporation.

Beth Howard, commented that she appreciated the traditional Christmas music and celebration that is well supported by our local community at our Christmas Concerts.

Adjournment: Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Jason Herd that the regular meeting be adjourned. At 6:55 P.M.

Unanimous 5-0

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