

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

The Caston Board of School Trustees met Tuesday, February 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 Interim Superintendent – Mrs. Lucinda Douglass and Corporation Attorney – Mr. Robert Murray. Patrons attending the meeting included Charles Rude and Maurice Cohagan.

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

Celebrations: Chase Wilson, an official employed for the varsity girls' basketball game on Saturday, February 1, took the time to send an e-mail to Miss Debb Stevens thanking her for her performance as an athletic director and the manner that he has been treated when he comes to Caston as a referee. He stated: "I love coming to your place; nothing but top notch. Your coaches, staff, and everyone around are such a pleasure. Traveling around the state, Caston is one of my favorites . . . so as a grateful, appreciative official I just want to say thank you."

Rayne Craig and Sarah Kistler, 6th grade students at Caston Elementary School, both participated in the IMEA All State Elementary Honor Choir at the Embassy Theatre in Fort Wayne on January 24, 2014.

Mr. Osburn, Interim Principal of Caston Elementary School, shared that 22% of students in grades 2 – 6 made the 2nd grading period "All A" Honor Roll, and 39% made the "A & B" Honor Roll.

Miss Anna Brown, Senior at Caston H.S., was named as Fulton County Lilly Scholarship finalist. Anna is the daughter of Pat and Jeri Brown who live just outside Fulton.

Public comment re: advertised items: none

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

- A. Approve minutes of the January 14, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting
- B. Presentation and review of claims #34445 through #34579 inclusive for payment totaling \$544,457.89.
- C. Approval of Treasurer's Report for January, 2014
- D. Approve request for maternity leave for Mrs. Halee Betzner (Anticipated leave is March 3 – end of the 2013-14 school year.)
- E. Approve employment of Mrs. Laura Bailey to fill maternity leave for Halee Betzner.

Unanimous 5 - 0

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mrs. Slisher to approve the appointment of Maurice Cohagan to the Kewanna Union Township Public Library Board.

Unanimous 5-0

Mrs. Slisher moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to appoint Mr. Russ Phillips and Mr. Jason Herd as school board representatives on the negotiations team for contract negotiations beginning August 1, 2014.

Unanimous 5-0

The board engaged in meaningful discussion regarding board policy 8220 – School Day and the accompanying administrative guidelines as they pertain to having events and school activities on days of cancellation of school. The discussion did not warrant further action on making any revisions to the policy at this time. No action or vote was taken following this discussion.

Conferences and Professional Development:

Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mrs. Slisher to approve registration and attendance of Mrs. Lucinda Douglass to the IASBO Building a School Corporation's Budget work sessions to be held in Indianapolis on 1/31/14, 3/14/14, 4/10/14 and 5/16/14.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mrs. Slisher moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to approve registration and attendance of Caston School Board Member Russell Phillips and Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lucinda Douglass at the ISBA/IAPSS Collective Bargaining Seminar on Friday, February 7, 2014.

Unanimous 5 - 0

Other Business:

Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Cress to approve the Varsity Girls' BB game to be held on Wednesday, February 5th as exception to Board Policy 9600 due to excessive disruptions to athletic schedule with multiple weather-related cancellations (*weather permitting.*)

Unanimous 5-0

Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve participation in WROI 92.1 FM (Rochester Radio Station) anti-drug abuse campaign as done in past 4 years at a cost of \$199.00.

Unanimous 5 - 0

Reports/Information:

- a. Updates for needed substitutes on Caston School Webpage
- b. 2014 Caston Distinguished Alumni Class as reported by Mr. Phillips
- c. Results from Survey of Caston Non-Resident Parent Survey
- d. Report of Caston Elementary School status of Priority School & sharing of plan for academic achievement as well as support provided by IDOE Outreach Consultant Lisa Dercach
- e. Status of insurance bids requested of Caston School Board in January, 2014
- f. Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures of Extra-Curricular Accounts for December, 2013.
- g. Informational report on hiring procedure for Superintendent as of July 1, 2013.
- h. Rescheduling of Caston School Board Retreat – now to be held Saturday, February 22, 2014 from 9:30 – 3:30 PM in Caston Elementary Assembly Room.
- i. Update on the LAJSSC Decentralization Process.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

Mr. Herd asked for an executive session to be scheduled prior to the next regular meeting of the Caston School Board, which will be held on Monday, February 17th (*a agreed-upon change of the regular board meeting date.*) This meeting will be scheduled for 6:30 PM. prior to the regular meeting for purposes of discussing the position of Superintendent and the direction the school corporation will be taking with this position.

Adjournment: Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Cress that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Unanimous 5 - 0

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