

**MINUTES OF THE OATH OF OFFICE AND REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF  
CASTON SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**Executive Session:** The Caston Board of School Trustees met Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 4:30 P.M. in the administration building for an executive session under the authority of IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(5) to receive information about and interview prospective employees. Present were Board members Mr. Jason Herd, Mr. Bruce Cress, Mrs. Beth Howard, Mr. Gary Baumgardner, Mrs. Michaela Slisher, Mr. Chuck Evans, Jr/Sr High School Principal and Superintendent-Mrs. Lucinda Douglass. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM. The governing body discussed no subject matter in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

**Regular Meeting:** Board President Bruce Cress called the regular meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 5:07 P.M. Present at the meeting were Board members Mr. Jason Herd, Mr. Bruce Cress, Mrs. Beth Howard, Mr. Gary Baumgardner, Mrs. Michaela Slisher and Superintendent, Mrs. Lucinda Douglass. Also attending were: Chuck Evans, Jr-Sr High School Principal; Angela Miller, Curriculum Coordinator; Katie Miller, Elementary Principal; Jennifer Lukens, Administrative Intern, and Anita Doan.

**Celebrations:**

- Caston Cafeteria is benefitting from a free software program that helps keep better records of food production sheets, temperature sheets, and food nutrient information. This company is piloting the program with a few schools in the State and, if things go well, it will be utilized statewide. Thanks to Alysha Marrs and the Caston Cafeteria for being leaders in technology for Indiana's school lunch programs!
- Recently former Business Teacher, Kathy Christman was recognized as a featured "neighbor" in the Shopping Guide News.
- Caston Superintendent, Cindy Douglass was also featured participating in the annual fund drive for Junior Achievement – a program that serves hundreds of our kids at Caston each year.
- Caston's FFA celebrated National FFA Week February 20 – 27<sup>th</sup>. Several of the FFA members were featured in the Shopping Guide News, and their many planned events for the weeks were also featured.
- Caston had a team of teachers & Staff (Jennifer Lukens, Chelsey Correll, Anni Rondot, Heidi Rudicel, and Elaine Sutton) who raised several hundred dollars in funds and participated in the Junior Achievement Bowl-A-Thon on Sunday, February 21. Junior High Science teacher, Anni Rondot was recognized as the highest fundraiser and won a Fit Bit as a prize.
- Congratulations to 4<sup>th</sup> grader Cole Boldry who won the Scripps Spelling Bee at Caston. Cole will be representing Caston at the Regional competition in Kokomo.

**Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items:** None

**Consent Agenda:**

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Jason Herd to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- a. Approve minutes of the February 17, 2016 Executive Session and Regular Meeting of the Caston School Board of Trustees
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Approve the recommendation for employment for Leah Clifton as a part-time cafeteria worker.
- d. Approve the retirement of Mrs. Vicki Albright at the end of the 2015-16 school year.
- e. Approve the February, 2016 Treasurer's Report and Revenue Report

***Unanimous 5-0***

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Jason Herd moved, seconded Michaela Slisher to approve the purchase of equipment for weight room & fitness facility as recommended.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve attendance at the Harmony Annual Conference for Mrs. Julia Ashbaugh and Ms. Jennifer Ludins April 6 – 8, 2016.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve the maternity leave for Mrs. Amber Helt as medical timeline necessitates.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve the 2016 Christmas Concert at McHale Auditorium for Wednesday, December 14, 2016 as an exception to Policy 9600.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve the 2016 Summer School Proposal as presented, offering Summer Band, Summer Elective PE, Summer SAE, Summer Reading K-6, and High School Credit Recovery.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Jason Herd moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve the Summer Feeding Program for Caston Cafeteria with approved employment for the following individuals as a part of the summer program:

Alysha Marrs, Linda Rock, Maggie Rock, Shelly Johnson, Anita Sarver, Sonia Hoover and Candace Reffitt for summer feeding program per recommendation of Food Service Director.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Jason Herd to approve the use of school grounds for the Logansport Youth Soccer League.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Jason Herd moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve the attendance of any interested Board Members and the Superintendent at the ISBA Spring Academy to be held May 23-24, 2016 at Marriott East, Indianapolis.

***Unanimous 5-0***

**Other Business:**

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve the attendance of any interested board members and Superintendent, Mrs. Lucinda Douglass to the ISBA Spring Regional Meeting on April 27, 2016 at Christos in Plymouth, Indiana.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve the payment of Chip Woodhouse for services provided as 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach Fall/Winter of 2015-16 school year.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Jason Herd to approve the overnight travel expenses and registration fees for attendance of Brady Jones at the University of Michigan Coaching Clinic

**Unanimous 5-0**

**Reports/Information:**

- a. Principal’s Reports
- b. Extra-Curricular Schedule of Balances (SA5-1)
- c. ADM Report for February, 2016

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comment:**

- Michaela Slisher gave a report on her attendance at the ISBA Leadership Seminar.
- Jason Herd thanked the chaperones who accompanied the Senior Class to Nashville, TN.

**Adjournment:**

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher that the regular meeting be adjourned. At 5:36 P.M.

**Unanimous 5-0**

**Public Worksession:**

Board President Bruce Cress called the public worksession to order at 6:07 P.M. Present at the public worksession were Board members Mr. Jason Herd, Mr. Bruce Cress, Mrs. Beth Howard, Mr. Gary Baumgardner, Mrs. Michaela Slisher, Mr. Andrew Achey, Corporation Attorney and Superintendent, Mrs. Lucinda Douglass. Also participating in the public worksession was the administrative team of: Mr. Chuck Evans, Jr-Sr High School Principal; Mrs. Angela Miller, Curriculum Coordinator; Mrs. Katie Miller, Elementary Principal; Ms. Jennifer Lukens, Administrative Intern. Present to view the public worksession was Mrs. Anita Doan. The public worksession was held as an informational session and for strategic planning. The public worksession ended at 9:26 p.m.

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