

**MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS  
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF  
CASTON SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**Special Meeting:** The Caston Board of School Trustees met Tuesday, March 31, 2015, in the administration building to conduct special business of the school board. Present were board members Mrs. Beth Howard, Mr. Jason Herd, Mr. Gary Baumgardner and Mr. Bruce Cress. Mrs. Michaela Slisher was unable to attend. Also present was Superintendent, Mrs. Lucinda Douglass, and Corporation Attorney Mr. Andrew Achey. The following individuals also attended the meeting: Cheyenne Meyer, Debb Stevens, Brady Jones, Jacqueline Rans, Cristie Rans, Tai Walsh, Cyrena Staller, Misty Hoff, Shawn Hoff, and Meghan Schroder.

**Board President, Mr. Bruce Cress, called the regular meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:30 P.M.**

Prior to the conducting of the advertised special business, President Bruce Cress allowed those in attendance to briefly share their concerns associated with their attendance at the meeting. The following individuals addressed the board pertaining to the reduction of the number of cheerleading squads for future years at Caston: Cheyenne Meyer, Jacqueline Rans, Cristie Rans, Tai Walsh, Cyrena Staller, Misty Hoff and Meghan Schroder. Each individual shared how affiliation with the cheerleading program at Caston is/was important to them and how the program has helped many young ladies through the years develop important leadership skills as well as gain poise and confidence. The consensus of this group was that the number of participants in the program should not be limited. Mrs. Douglass addressed the group and explained the rationale for the decision to incorporate the traditional freshman squad into the JV/Varsity squads over a year ago rather than electing a separate group that likely will not have separate teams to cheer for. Mrs. Douglass also assured the group that provisions have been made for gradual progression to this arrangement so that girls already a part of the program are not eliminated. The board expressed a desire for flexibility and working together to provide the best opportunity for students while also taking into consideration the desire to sustain all programs and services that benefit Caston students in light of changing enrollment trends.

**New Business:**

Mrs. Howard moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to approve minutes of the March 17, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Caston Board of School Trustees. ***Unanimous 4 - 0***

Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Herd to approve the claims as presented. ***Unanimous 4 - 0***

Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Herd to approve the employment of Mr. Braden Jones for Alternative Education Teacher, Varsity Football and Varsity Wrestling Coaching Positions for the 2015-16 School Year.

***Unanimous 4 - 0***

Mrs. Howard moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to approve Mr. Chris Phelps to serve as a volunteer assistant for the Caston Varsity Baseball Team.

***Unanimous 4 - 0***

**Discussion:** The discussion topic of making a potential adjustment to the stipulated extracurricular guideline in the High School Handbook pertained to the above comments. The board did not further discuss the topic at this time and felt the previous comments/discussion allowed before the meeting provided the needed direction on this topic.

**Other Business:** Mr. Herd moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner, to approve the resignation of Mrs. Kim Olinger as of March 31, 2015. ***Unanimous 4-0***

**Public Comment:** *(Allowed at beginning of meeting & noted above.)* Additionally, Mr. Brady Jones expressed his excitement and appreciation for being a part of the Caston staff and working with the football and wrestling programs.

**Board Comment:** (None)

**Adjournment:** Mr. Herd moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner, that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

***Unanimous 4 - 0***

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