

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

The Caston Board of School Trustees met Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 6:30 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, Elementary Principal - Mrs. Katie Miller and interim Principal – Mr. Bob Brock were also in attendance.

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

**Celebrations:** Seth Cousins will be signing his letter of intent to attend Indiana State University on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Seth will be a part of Indiana State's Cross Country Team.

**Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items:** None

**Consent Agenda:** Jason Herd moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve consent agenda items (b) through (f) as follows:

- a. ~~Approve minutes of the March 31, 2015 Special Meeting of the Caston Board of School Trustees~~  
*(Item was removed from consent agenda at the request of Michaela Slisher)*
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Accept the resignation of Mrs. Teresa Rentschler as Assistant Softball Coach
- d. Approve the employment of Terry Severans as Assistant Softball Coach
- e. Accept the resignation of Dale M. Osburn as Jr/Sr High Principal
- f. Presentation and review of the March, 2015 Treasurer's Report

***Unanimous 5-0***

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Jason Herd to approve minutes of the March 31, 2015 Special Meeting of the Caston Board of School Trustees.

***Vote: 4-0-1 abstained (Michaela Slisher)***

**Old Business:** Jason Herd moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve the second reading of board policy as follows:

1. 4120 Employment of Support Staff
2. 4120.08 Employment of Personnel for Extracurricular Activities
3. 4122.01 Drug-Free Workplace
4. 4140 Termination and Resignation
5. 4170 Substance Abuse
6. 4170.01 Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
7. 4419 Group Health Plans
8. 4430 Leaves
9. 4433 Vacation

***Unanimous 5-0***

**New Business:**

Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve the service agreement with Administrator Assistance for employment of an Interim Principal for the remainder of the 2014-15 School Year.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve the job description for the Corporation Curriculum Coordinator.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Jason Herd moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve an exception to the requirement to end evening activities on Wednesday's by 6:00 PM (Board Policy 9120) for full dress rehearsal for the Spring play to be held on April 29, 2015.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Jason Herd moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve the school breakfast and lunch prices for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:

- Breakfast for Elementary & Jr/Sr High at \$1.30 (represents a \$ .05 increase)
- Elementary Lunches at \$2.15 (represents a \$ .10 increase)
- Jr/Sr High Lunches at \$2.35 (represents a \$ .10 increase)

***Unanimous 5-0***

Jason Herd moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Caston School Corporation to provide local support for the Indiana Department of Corrections in the event of a Critical Incident

***Vote: 4-1 (Michaela Slisher)***

Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve the date for accepting out-of-district enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year as August 1, 2015 and to limit the number of out-of-district students to 15 students per grade level in grades K-12.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve the Caston School Corporation's membership in the All Write! Consortium.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner to approve the by-laws for the All Write! Consortium.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Jason Herd moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve the attendance of interested Board Members & Administrators to attend the ISBA Regional Meeting at Christos in Plymouth on May 13, 2015.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Michaela to approve the out-of-state fieldtrip request from National Jr. Honor Society to attend JH Science/Math/Technology day at Cedar Point in Sandusky Ohio on May 15, 2015.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Jason Herd moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve the out-of-state fieldtrip for the annual "Senior Trip" to Cedar Point in Sandusky Ohio on May 22, 2015.

***Unanimous 5-0***

**Other Business:** None

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

- a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade I-Read Testing
- b. Recommended positions for the 2015-16 school year
- c. Kindergarten Roundup Update
- d. Distinguished Alumni Class of 2015
- e. Corrected February, 2015 Revenue Report
- f. March, 2015 Revenue Report

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comment:**

The board expressed concern for the possible need for a 3<sup>rd</sup> section of kindergarten considering the number of kindergarten students reported at attending K-Roundup, stating that they supported this if the recommendation is made and a position needs to be advertised. Additionally, Bruce Cress added his sentiments regarding the loss of the art program in the Elementary School and stated that the board should support an art aide for the Elementary. He also asked about signing diplomas at the next meeting, stated that the next meeting should include an executive session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation, and suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Dale Osburn for his contribution to the school corporation over the past two school years as an interim Principal.

**Adjournment:** Jason moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner that the regular meeting be adjourned. At 8:15 P.M.

***Unanimous 5-0***

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