

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

Executive Session: The Caston School Board of Trustees met in the administration building on Tuesday, April 22nd for an Executive Session under I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(5) to receive information about and interview prospective employees and to discuss the job performance evaluations of individual employees under I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(9). The meeting convened at 6:00 PM.

Present at the meeting 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. No additional information was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Regular Meeting: Following the Executive Session, the Caston Board of School Trustees met Tuesday, April 22, 2014, in the administration building to conduct the regular business of the school board. 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. Also attending the meeting was High School Principal, Mr. Adam Strasser. Patrons attending the meeting included Mrs. Cynthia Wiese.

Board President, Mr. Jason Herd, called the regular meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:08 P.M.

Celebrations: Mrs. Douglass shared a picture of the ten 5th grade students who competed in the Cass County Battle of the Books. Mrs. Jennifer Baxter and Mr. Nars Sanchez assisted these students in preparing for the competition. The students represented the school very well and had a very positive experience as a result of their participation. Each student committed to reading six challenging books this semester to prepare for the competition.

We also have 25 students who will attend the MWC Math contest on April 23, 2014 – The students and staff members assisting them have worked hard to prepare for the opportunity to represent Caston in this competition. Go Comets!

Public comment re: advertised items: none

Consent Agenda: Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- A. Approve minutes of the April 8, 2014 Executive Session minutes
- B. Approve minutes of the April 8, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes
- C. Presentation and review of claims #35009 through #35090 inclusive for payment totaling \$239,584.63.
- D. Approve summer school teaching assignments for Mrs. Cari Butcher for Summer SAE, Mr. James Byrn for Summer Band, Mr. JR Howell and Mr. Chris Ulerick for Summer PE, and Mrs. Cindy DePyper, Mrs. Paige Woodhouse, Mr. Michael Clayton, and Mrs. Jill Strasser for Summer Reading Remediation (Elementary).
- E. Approve Mrs. Tara Seuferer and Mrs. Anita Doan as co-High Ability Coordinators for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 School Years.

Unanimous 5 - 0

Old Business: None

New Business: Mrs. Slisher moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to approve the LAJSSC Reorganization Agreement as presented.

Motion passed on a vote of 4-1 (Mr. Phillips voting nay)

Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Cress to approve the addition of 5 Special Education Teaching Positions per the LAJSSC reorganization agreement for the 2014-15 school year to be effective July 1, 2014.

Motion passed on a vote of 4-1 (Mr. Phillips voting nay)

Mr. Baumgardner moved seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the Caston Marching Band's request to participate in the Memorial Day Parade in Logansport on Monday, May 26, 2014.

Unanimous 5 - 0

The board discussed recommendations by Mrs. Lucinda Douglass for certified instructional staffing for the 2014-15 school year. The board agreed with the recommendation to go ahead and advertise a full-time art teaching position with primary responsibilities for teaching the Jr/Sr High School classes as assigned by the administration.

Consensus of the board

The board engaged in meaningful discussion and review of recommendations for the restructuring of some of the non-certified employees hours, wages & benefits. The board gave consensus to move forward with making changes with the understanding that the Superintendent would continue to keep them informed as things progressed.

Consensus of the board

Second Reading of Policy: Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Herd, to approve the second reading of board policy **5111** – Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to approve the second reading of board policy **5517.01** – Bulling

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mrs. Slisher, to approve the second reading of board policy **6151** – Bad Checks and Uncollectible Debt

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Herd to approve the second reading of board policy **7510.01** – Use of Corporation Physical Fitness Facilities

Unanimous 5-0

Other Business: Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to approve the amount of \$30.00 monthly as a wireless communication stipend for Mr. TJ Garner.

Unanimous 5-0

Reports and Information

- A. Pathways Leadership Conference Report
- B. Kindergarten Round Up
- C. March, 2014 SA5-1 Receipts and Expenditures of Extra-Curricular Accounts
- D. March, 2014 Caston School Corporation Revenue Report

Public Comment: Mrs. Cynthia Wiese commented on substitute teacher’s pay. Her sentiments that raises are too infrequent and differentiating pay isn’t always fair were expressed.

Board Comment: Mr. Phillips questioned when the fall extra-curricular assignments were going to come to the board for approval.

Adjournment: Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Unanimous 5 - 0

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