

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

The Caston Board of School Trustees met May 19, 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 and Elementary Principal - Mrs. Katie Miller were also in attendance. Additionally, Ms. Debb Stevens, Athletic Director; Mr. Dan Williams, Technology Director; Mrs. Lora Redweik, and Mr. Kyle Evans and wife, Alison Evans attended the meeting.

Board President Mr. Bruce Cress called the regular meeting to order with a moment of silence in memory of former Caston School Corporation Attorney, Mr. Robert Murray, who recently passed away, and then lead those present in the pledge of allegiance at 6:30 P.M.

Celebrations:

Caston's Senior Academic Super Bowl Team competed on April 21, 2015. The Interdisciplinary Team comprised of Dalton Daily, Trey Doan, Brandon Garver, Addie Sarver, Michael Smith and Robert Sommer placed first. The Science Team comprised of Kim Cress, Addie Sarver, Bryana Slisher, Michael Smith and Jon Williams also placed 1st. The Math Team comprised of Taylor Fenstermaker, Brandon Garver, Michael Smith and Wenshan Xiong placed 2nd. The Social Studies Team comprised of Dalton Daily, Brandon Garver and Tim Kieninger also placed 2nd. The Fine Arts Team comprised of Anaisha Becker, Dalton Daily, Trey Doan and Robert Sommer placed 3rd. The English Team comprised of Trey Doan, Tim Kieninger, Addie Sarver and Robert Sommer placed 5th.

Results for all teams competing for state finals were as follows: The Interdisciplinary Team placed 6th and advanced to state. The Science Team placed 8th. The Math Team placed 12th. The Social Studies Team placed 25th. The Fine Arts Team placed 26th. The English Team placed 33rd. Caston was awarded a certificate for being one of the "Top Ten Schools" in the state for class 4, based upon cumulative scores of all 6 teams at the area competition.

The Interdisciplinary team was represented at State Finals by Dalton Daily, Brandon Garver, and Michael Smith. These three young men placed 1st at the state competition on May 9, 2015 and were awarded individual medals, a plaque, and a banner that will be placed in the high school office with the other Academic Team State championship plaques and banners.

The Junior High competed in the Junior Academic Super Bowl on May 2, 2015. They placed 1st in Math, Science, and Interdisciplinary. They were also first in their division. Their placing was 2nd in the state when they did score comparisons across the state.

Caston also participated in the MWC Math contest this year. The Geometry & Algebra 2 teams both finished in 2nd place, and the Calculus team finished in 3rd place. Overall, Caston finished 4th. Top 10 finishers were: Ryonn Doan 10th & Brock Buczkowski 1st in Geometry. Dalea Hubenthal 9th and Brock Buczkowski 1st in Algebra 2, and Brandon Garver 10th & Wenshan Xiong 4th in Calculus. Thanks to the Caston Math teachers for preparing our students for this rigorous competition.

Caston's Jr/Sr Prom was held in Warsaw at Stonehenge Golf Club. The students enjoyed a lovely evening, looked beautiful in their prom attire, were very well behaved and had a great time. Thanks to Mrs. Anita Doan, Jr. Class Sponsor for helping the students organize this event. Also thanks to Kelly Miller and Chelsey Correll for chaperoning throughout the evening. Also thanks to Larry Doan, Chris & Deb Sailors, Beth Howard and Cindy Douglass for helping supervise the Prom and assisting with clean up afterwards.

Congratulations to Caston's Logansport Youth Soccer team on their outstanding undefeated season. The team, consisting of 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls and boys, were coached on game days by Bryan & Michaela Slisher. Practices were coached by Mr. Nars Sanchez.

Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

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

- a. Approve minutes of the April 21, 2015 Executive Session and the April 21, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Caston School Board of Trustees
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Accept resignations of the following individuals: Jack R. Howell as PE/Health Teacher and Varsity Basketball Coach, Rachel Ruff as Elementary Teacher, Tamara Hicks as Instructional Assistant
- d. Approve the employment of Kyle A. Evans as Jr/Sr High Health and Physical Education Teacher and Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
- e. Approve employment of the following individuals for Summer Educational Programs:
 - i. Summer Band - James Byrn
 - ii. Summer SAE - Cari Butcher
 - iii. Summer Reading Camp: - Teachers: Rachel Ruff, Cindy DePyper, Nars Sanchez, Bryce McDonald, Teresa Button. Speech – Paige Woodhouse, Instructional Assistants: Shelly Hubenthal, Danni Crane, Nancy Black, Rachel Foster, Amy Kellenberger.
 - iv. Summer Feeding Program: Alysha Marrs, Julie Birge, Linda Rock, Shelly Johnson, Sonia Hoover, Anita Sarver, Maggie Rock, Shannon White, Candace Reffitt
 - v. Summer PE: Braden Jones & Kyle Evans
 - vi. High School Credit Recovery & Online Coursework: Tricia Karcher
 - vii. Three Bus Drivers @ daily rate June 1 – 26 (TBD) to provide transportation
- f. Presentation and review of April 30, 2015 Treasurer's Report

Unanimous 5-0

Old Business: None

New Business:

Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher to approve the request for the Cass County Youth Football to use the field on August 30, 2015, September 13, 2015, and September 20, 2015.

Vote 4-0 with Jason Herd abstaining

The board of trustees gave consensus to the first reading of the Jr/Sr High School Parent-Student Handbook.

Consensus

Michaela Slisher moved, seconded by Gary Baumgardner for the Caston Band to perform at the Cass County Veteran's Memorial Day parade.

Unanimous 5-0

Other Business: None

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

- a. 4/30/15 Revenue Report
- b. 2015 Spring IREAD-3 Results
- c. Approval of Proposal for COMET Academy
- d. Distinguished Alumni 2015

Public Comment: Lora Redweik presented recommendations for the Jr/Sr High School Athletic Handbook. Her concerns related primarily to the selection process for the Athletic Hall of Fame, as well as other concerns regarding procedural functioning within the Caston Athletic Department.

Board Comment: Board members discussed the feasibility of having a brick engraved in honor and memory of Mr. Robert Murray for the many years of service to Caston School Corporation as the Corporation Attorney.

The board also discussed meetings to be held in June and decided to conduct an executive session on June 10, 2015 at 6:00 PM, and to hold the regular June meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 7:00 PM and to hold an Executive Session prior to that meeting at 6:30 PM. Mrs. Douglass suggested that the board be open to a potential short meeting prior to the June 10th meeting to take care of any last minute resignations, hiring, or other items that may be time sensitive and need to be acted upon prior to June 23, 2015. She indicated that she would communicate to the board should this be a need.

Adjournment: Gary Baumgardner moved, seconded by Michaela Slisher that the meeting of the Caston School Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Unanimous 5-0

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