

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

Public Work Session: The Caston School Board of Trustees met in the administration building on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 for a public work session. The meeting was called to order 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. The public work session was utilized to discuss items on the regular meeting agenda and how this might impact future staffing decisions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Regular Meeting: Immediately following the public work session, the Caston Board of School Trustees met Tuesday, May 20, 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. Also attending the meeting was High School Principal, Mr. Adam Strasser. Patrons attending the meeting included Mrs. Marla DuVall and Mr. James Byrn.

Board President, Mr. Jason Herd, called the regular meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 P.M.

Celebrations: Caston continues to celebrate accomplishments of students and staff in the areas of Academics, Athletics and the Arts. The following were mentioned as celebrations:

- The Caston PTO has provided grants for each grade level to utilize in furthering the cause of “The Leader In Me” program in the Elementary School. The Caston PTO consistently supports the efforts of our elementary teachers and students and those working hard within this organization are to be commended for their efforts.
- The Caston HS Science Team recently competed for the State Finals at Purdue University. They lead the 25-question competition up through question 22, and then were edged from the first place title during the last three questions in which the team only received partial credit for the answers presented. The team made an excellent representation of Caston HS and the members of the Science team as well as coach, Mrs. Chelsey Correll, are to be commended.
- Caston had a wonderful Prom on May 10th hosted at the Madam Carroll in Monticello. The prom was well attended, the kids had a great time, and the management of the Madam Carroll commended the staff on the behavior of the students in attendance. Thank you to Mrs. Anita Doan, Junior Class Sponsor as well as Mrs. Ronica Holt who assisted her in the excellent planning and leadership for details of planning for the prom.
- The music department recently took a fieldtrip to Taylor University and presented a report of their very eventful day. Mr. & Mrs. Byrn reported that this was a very beneficial and rewarding day for the students who were able to attend.
- Caston has recently been presented with free equipment and needed support to create our own webcasting, free of charge. This will allow us to provide web archives of school events. Initiative in pursuing grant opportunities by Mr. Dan Williams, Technology Director, has made this a reality for the Caston School Corporation. The free webcasting program was recently utilized to record Mr. Osburn’s leadership program he did for the 5/6th graders – he did an excellent job with this program.
- The Caston Music Department performed for the community on May 15th. True to form, the gymnasium was packed and the performance was excellent. Thank you to Mr. James & Mrs. Michelle Byrn for their excellent leadership in bringing out the talents of our students and presenting themselves so well.

Public comment re: advertised items: No public comment regarding the advertised items was made by those in attendance at the meeting.

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

- A. Approve minutes of the May 6, 2014 Executive Session and Regular Board Meeting
- B. Presentation and review of claims 35194 – 35279 totaling \$275,160.97.
- C. Consider transfer of Mrs. Angela Douglass to Administrative Associate for Personnel at hourly rate of \$18/hour effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

- D. Consider transfer of Mrs. Marcia Tucker as a part-time Bookstore/EC Treasurer at \$12/hour for 5.5 hour days (27.5 hour weeks) for the 185 working days within the school calendar + 40 days.

Unanimous 5 – 0

New Business: Mrs. Slisher moved, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to table the LAJSSC Joint Service and Supply Agreement as presented.

Unanimous 5 - 0

Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner, to approve the second reading and adoption of the Caston Elementary School Handbook

Unanimous 5 - 0

First reading of 2014-15 Caston Jr/Sr High Handbook: Mrs. Douglass presented the proposed revisions to the Caston Jr/Sr High School Student/Parent Handbook for next school year.

Consensus to bring back for a second reading

Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mrs. Slisher, to approve the Caston Music Department to plan an out-of-state performance tour during the 2014-15 school year.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner, to table the request to pursue the replacement of the 1995 GMC 2500 4X4 plow truck pending additional information as to what might be included in a bid package.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mr. Cress, to establish the school lunch prices for the 2014-15 school year at the state regulated increase of \$.10/meal for Elementary and Jr/Sr High School, making the cost for paid lunches \$2.25 for a Jr/Sr High School student and \$2.05 for an Elementary student.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mrs. Slisher moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner, to approve Mrs. Angela Chapman and Mrs. Lucinda Douglass to attend the IAPSS School Budgeting/Finance Seminar on Friday, June 20, 2014 in Indianapolis.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner, to change the date of the 2nd board meeting in July to Tuesday, July 22nd at 7:00 PM.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mrs. Slisher moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner, to approve the existing interim Superintendent contractual arrangement for Mrs. Lucinda Douglass at approved daily rate of \$363.26 plus retaining present benefits (*acted upon November 5, 2013 school board meeting*) to include days worked through June 30, 2014.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Other Business:

Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mrs. Slisher, to approve the Varsity Girls' Softball Team to play a conference game on Wednesday, May 21st due to need to reschedule rained out game originally scheduled for May 16th prior to the sectional.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Reports and Information:

The following reports and information was provided to the school board of trustees:

- A. Impact of the Affordable Health Care Act

B. Future needs for roofing

Public Comment: Mr. Strasser announced that the new sign has been installed in the South Gym Lobby.

Board Comment:

- Mr. Herd stated that the “Leader in Me” event hosted by the Elementary School on Friday, May 16th was great.
- Mr. Baumgardner stated that the HS Awards Program was impressive, and Mr. Cress concurred with this statement.
- Mr. Cress complimented the Spring sports programs with their success thus far and wished them luck as they entered tournament play and wound up their seasons.
- Mr. Phillips asked if there was any update on non-resident pick-up points. He also asked about the advertising of the Elementary Principal’s position and inquired as to the opportunity to discuss pay and benefits for this position.

Adjournment: Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Unanimous 5 - 0

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