

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

Public Hearing on Proposed Superintendent's Contract – The Caston School Board held a public hearing on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 in the administration building. 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 High School Principal, Adam Strasser. Patrons attending the hearing included Leslie Murray, Jerry Baker, Jennifer Richter and Deb Walsh.

The public hearing convened at 6:03 P.M.

The terms of the proposed contract for Mrs. Lucinda Douglass were discussed and comments were heard from those in attendance.

The public hearing adjourned at 6:21 P.M.

Public Work Session: The Caston School Board of Trustees met in the administration building on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 for a public work session. The meeting was called to order immediately following the closing of the public hearing at 6:21 P.M. 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 High School Principal, Mr. Adam Strasser. Patrons in attendance were Leslie Murray, Jerry Baker, Jennifer Richter, Deb Walsh and Lora Redweik (*arrived at 6:40 PM*).

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 7:03 PM.

Regular Meeting: Immediately following the public work session, the Caston Board of School Trustees met Tuesday, June 3, 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; Corporation Attorney, Mr. Robert Murray and High School Principal, Mr. Adam Strasser. Patrons attending the meeting included Lora Redweik, Jennifer Richter, Deb Walsh, Jerry Baker and Leslie Murray.

Board President, Mr. Jason Herd, called the regular meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:03 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:

- Ally Borges placed 2nd in the Local Hero Essay contest sponsored by the Pharos Tribune. Congratulations to Ally!
- Caston Jr/Sr High School was recognized for it's generous contribution of \$754.27 for the Pennies for Patients fundraiser benefitting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Mrs. Nyssa Tierney sponsored the drive for the Jr/Sr High School. Mrs. Scarlett Strasser also coordinated a drive for the Elementary School and they contributed an additional \$701.99 to the cause. Together, Caston School Corporation students and staff gave \$1456.26 for this worthwhile cause.
- Congratulations to the Caston High School Class of 2014. A total of 59 students will be receiving their diplomas from Caston High school and will begin the next phase of their lives as official high school graduates.

Public comment re: advertised items:

Lora Redweik made the following comments pertaining to the 2nd reading of the HS Handbook:

- Proper school conduct and citizenship description – should be specified as to where this pertains and there should be an explanation of the word “detrimental.”
- Punishments – when an athlete is punished of misconduct, the AD should notify the Athlete and his/her parents of all punishments as well as the awards that will no longer be available to him/her when the punishment is handed own.
- Hall of Fame: All athletes to be notified of nomination to the Hall of Fame and asked to submit a biography of their athletic achievements at Caston over the last 4 years for the Athletic Council to be informed to make an accurate vote.
- Caston HS Principal will review all nominees biographies after the athletic council votes to make his/her final decision for Hall of Fame recipients. Note: either change requirements listed in the handbook or only award those who meet at least 1 of the 3 requirements. Once 1 of the 3 have been met than any additional awards can be added to the information that is posted with the athlete’s picture.
- Caston Most Valuable Athlete – in the description of special awards, there is no mention of MVA. This needs to be added along with the requirements/standards for the Athletic Council to follow. All athletes should be nominated by any of the coaches in the Athletic Council for they are the ones who know each candidate. Along with the Hall of Fame, all nominees will be made aware and submit their biographies for the Athletic Council. Seniors only to be nominated. Ties are optional.

Consent Agenda: Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mrs. Slisher, to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- a. Approve minutes of the May 20, 2014 Public Work Session and Regular Board Meeting
- b. Presentation and review of claims 35280 – 35378 totaling \$323,380.22
- c. Consider approval of Ms. Kaitlyn Ueltschi for 7-12 Art teacher and K-6 Art consultant.
- d. Approve the regular Caston teacher contracts for the following special education teachers who will fill the 5 approved transfers as a part of the LAJSSC Reorganization agreement:
 - i. Mrs. Joyce Henderson
 - ii. Mrs. Mary Jo Rogers
 - iii. Ms. Jessica Stiffler
 - iv. Mr. Pat Rombold
 - v. Mr. Christopher Ulerick
- e. Approve extension of maternity leave for Mrs. Halee Betzner through the end of the 1st Semester of the 2014-15 school year.

Unanimous 5 – 0

New Business:

Mr. Baumgardner moved seconded by Mrs. Slisher to amend insurance master contract with Anthem as needed to align with Affordable Health Care law in alignment with the timeline for renewal of 2014-15 school year.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mr. Baumgardner moved seconded by Mr. Cress to table the recommendation to offer health insurance eligibility to full-time employees of Caston, defined as those employed for 30 hours or more weekly. He also moved to table the recommendation to adopt a revised salary schedule for classified employees for the 2014-15 school year.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mr. Cress moved seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to approve the second reading of the Caston Jr/Sr High School Handbook.

Unanimous 5 - 0

The board gave consensus to bring back the following Board Policies for a 2nd reading at the June 17, 2014 meeting:

- A. 7217 – Possession of Firearms and Weapons by Visitors
- B. 5630.01 – Use of Seclusion and Restraint with Students
- C. 8510 – Wellness

Mr. Phillips moved seconded by Mrs. Slisher to approve the continuation of summer tutoring for students in need as per Title I Grant provisions up to the amount budgeted in the grant and currently unexpended. Tutoring of students needing assistance would be done by elementary teachers upon approval by the Superintendent.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mr. Baumgardner moved seconded by Mr. Cress to approve the attendance of interested school board members for the ISBA Summer Board Member Academy at the Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel on Monday, July 7 and Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mr. Cress moved seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to approve the JH trip to Washington DC for the end of the 2014-15 school year for June 7 – 12, 2015.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Mr. Baumgardner moved seconded by Mrs. Slisher to approve the recommended textbooks for Family and Consumer Science classes.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Other Business:

Mr. Baumgardner moved seconded by Mr. Cress to approve Mrs. Cari Butcher and the Caston FFA to attend the State Convention at Purdue University on June 16 – 19, 2014.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Reports and Information:

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

- a. April 2014 Receipts and Expenditures of Extra-Curricular Accounts
- b. 2014-2015 Athletic Events List

Public Comment:

Lora Redweik commented on base pay rate, health insurance, student handbook, dress code, school uniforms
Deb Walsh would like to see dress code enforced

Board Comment: *(None)*

Adjournment: Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner that the regular meeting be adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Unanimous 5 - 0

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