

**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, July 22, 2014 for a public work session to review and discuss previous, current & future budgets. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President, Mr. Jason Herd. 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 Mrs. Lucinda Douglass, Interim Superintendent, Mrs. Angela Chapman, and Ms. Debb Stevens.

The public work session adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Regular Meeting: The Caston Board of School Trustees met Tuesday, July 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 Superintendent, Mrs. Lucinda Douglass, Corporation Attorney Bob Murray, Ms. Debb Stevens, Mrs. Angela Chapman, and Mr. Joel Burrus.

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:

- Mrs. Douglass commended the Caston students who successfully completed 4-H projects and represented our community well in both the Fulton County and Cass County 4-H Fairs in July. Many of our students did quite well.
- Mr. Herd also commended both "8 & Under" softball and baseball teams from the Caston community for their success this summer. Both teams advanced near the state final level in the Town & Country tournament this summer with record performances by those teams. The girls are coached by Mr. Finke and the boys were coached by Mr. Mollenkopf – this is encouraging to the future of the Caston softball and baseball teams!

Public comment re: advertised items: Ms. Stevens introduced Mr. Joel Burrus to the Board.

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

- a. Approval of the minutes of the July 11, 2014 Public Work Session & Regular Meeting
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Approval of employment of Mrs. Ellen King as High School Cheer Coach and Ms. Meghan Schroder as Junior High Cheer Coach for the upcoming 2014-15 School Year.
- d. Approval of employment of Ms. Debb Stevens for Concessions for 2014-15 School Year.
- e. Approval of employment of Mrs. Noreen Brumett for Temporary English teaching position to fill maternity leave of Mrs. Halee Betzner during Semester I of the 2014-15 School Year.
- f. Approval of employment of Ms. Kate Goodnight as JH Social Studies Teacher & JH Volleyball Coach for the 2014-15 School Year.
- g. Approval of employment of Mrs. Maggie Rock and Mrs. Donna Longbons as part-time cafeteria workers effective the start of the 2014-15 School Year.
- h. Approval of employment of Mr. Joel Burrus as Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2014-15 School Year
- i. Approval of employment of Instructional Assistants (previously employed in grades K-12 as LAJSSC IA's) for the 2014-15 School Year as follows: Mrs. Nancy Black, Mrs. Jane Gonzalez, Mrs. Michelle Hubenthal, Mrs. Kim Olinger, Mrs. Dottie Quillen, and Mrs. Nicole Flint.

Unanimous 5 – 0

New Business:

Mrs. Douglass shared the recommendation of Mr. Dale Osburn, HS Principal, to adopt a 4-point grading system effective with this year's Freshman class of 2014 - 15. This will help the school's grading scale better align with information needed for college admittance and scholarship forms. The board was in consensus that this

was a positive direction; however, it is not a part of policy to dictate the grading scale so no action was necessary for this recommendation.

Consensus given

Other Business: Mr. Cress moved seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to approve Mr. Bill Miller as a full-time bus driver for the “pilot route” that will pick up students in Logansport starting this fall.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Reports and Information: (None)

Public Comment: Mrs. Chapman shared with the board that she has been getting some inquiries regarding the bus driver positions advertised and the rate of pay.

Board Comment:

- Mr. Phillips asked if any bus drivers had decided to forego health insurance for the higher daily rate and also asked for an update regarding the transportation software.
- Mr. Cress thought the new pick-up truck looked nice and also asked if anything major needed squared away before the start of the 2014-15 school year.
- Discussion regarding the August meetings resulted in dropping the August 5th meeting from the schedule and holding only the August 19th meeting during the month of August unless there becomes a need for a special meeting due to unexpected business.

Adjournment: Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner, that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Unanimous 5 - 0

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