

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

Executive Session: The Caston Board of School Trustees met in executive session at the administration building on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 under the authority of I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1-2(a) for discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President, 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, Superintendent. No other information was presented or discussed outside the advertised code. The executive session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing: The Caston Board of School Trustees met Tuesday, September 16, 2014, in the administration building. Present were board members: Mr. Jason Herd, Mr. Russell Phillips, Mrs. Michaela Slisher, Mr. Bruce Cress and Mr. Gary Baumgardner. Also present was Superintendent, Lucinda Douglass, Corporation Attorney, Bob Murray, Ms. Jennifer Lukens, Mr. Dale Osburn, and Ben Middelkamp – reporter for the Pharos Tribune. Board President, Mr. Jason Herd opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 PM for the 2015 General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Transportation Fund, Bus Replacement Fund, Rainy Day Fund, Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Plan.

Public Comments: None

Bruce Cress moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Unanimous 5 – 0

Regular Meeting: The Caston Board of School Trustees met Tuesday, September 16, 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, Mr. Dale Osburn, HS Principal, Ms. Jennifer Lukens, and Ben Middelkamp.

Board President, Mr. Jason Herd, called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 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 Elementary School will have a canned food drive for Live United Day on September 19th and the grade level bringing in the most items will be able to choose the new slide for the playground.

The Elementary teachers wanted to recognize the Caston PTO for their generous contribution of \$100 per grade level to purchase items that promote the “Leader in Me” Program throughout the Elementary School.

Berklee Blackman was named All-Conference in Golf by finishing second in the MWC meet on Friday.

Public comment re: advertised items: None

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

- a. Approve minutes of the September 2, 2014 Executive Session and Regular Meeting
- b. Presentation and review of claims #35898 - #35992 in the amount of \$286,288.66
- c. Approval for Chris Phelps to be hired as the 5th grade girls’ basketball coach

Unanimous 5 – 0

New Business:

- a. Mr. Phillips moved seconded by Mrs. Slisher to approve attendance of Mrs. Angela Chapman and Mrs. Angela Douglass at the Keystone School User Meeting, Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at Wabash, Honeywell Center
Unanimous 5 – 0
- b. Mr. Cress moved seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to approve the proposal to implement a Caston Alternative Program as presented by Mr. Dale Osburn, High School Principal.
Unanimous 5 – 0
- c. Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mr. Cress to approve the recommendation to do the North Addition (Section #1) roof restoration through Morris & Son’s Roofing, Inc.
Unanimous 5-0
- d. Mrs. Slisher moved, seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to approve the Caston Elementary and Junior/Senior High School Improvement Plans as presented.
Unanimous 5-0

Other Business:

- a. Mrs. Slisher moved seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve Ms. Laura Bailey on a per diem basis under a temporary contract for the Elementary Special Education Teacher position for the duration of the 2014-15 school year.
Unanimous 5 – 0
- b. Mrs. Slisher moved seconded by Mr. Baumgardner to approve the employment of Mrs. Amy Kellenberger as Special Education Instructional Assistant.
Unanimous 5 – 0

Reports and Information:

- a. Jr/Sr High Guidance Updates
- b. Elementary School-Wide Behavior Plan
- c. Elementary Response to Intervention (RTI) Initiatives in Reading

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

- Mr. Cress commented on getting a jump on the next potential building project.
- Mrs. Slisher asked about conference expense reimbursement

Adjournment: Mr. Baumgardner moved, seconded by Mrs. Slisher, that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Unanimous 5 - 0

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