

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

January 19, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Board President, Chad Boldry, called the January 19, 2022, meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:30 P.M. Present were board members: Mrs. Cristie Rans, and Mr. Jeff Smith. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Paul Voigt, Mr. Chuck Evans, Ms. Jennifer Lukens, Mrs. Angela Miller, Ms. Anita Doan, Ms. Susan Loftain, and Ms. Colleen Diveley. Also present were Mr. Dana Wannamacher, of Barton Coe Vilamaa, and Mr. Brad Yoder, of Yoder Construction.

Celebrations: Amid school closures due to Covid, Caston School Corporation has been able to remain open and educating our students. Dr. Voigt congratulated Dan Williams and Angie Miller on their successful completion of the School Safety Specialist Training. Angie Miller announced that Caston High School Juniors, Stevana Young, Delaney Strasser, Delaney Lowry, and Abby Ellis have recently earned the Rising Stars of Indiana Award for outstanding academic performance.

Staff Spotlight: Congratulations go to Mrs. Leah Hinderlider as the January recipient of the Staff Spotlight Award. Leah was nominated by fellow teacher, Nate Speitel, who said she always goes above and beyond to help students. Dr. Voigt agreed Mrs. Hinderlider is always helping her students and in turn, making Caston better.

Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

Consent Agenda: Before moving to the Consent Agenda, the attending board members agreed to table line six from tonight's voting and move that item to the next regular board meeting. Based on that decision, Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve the consent agenda items, with item six being tabled.

1. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve minutes of the 1-5-22 Annual Reorganization Meeting, and the Board of Finance Meeting
 - b. Presentation and review of claims
 - c. Resignations/Retirement:
 1. Jeannie Rock – Cafeteria Staff – Effective Jan. 31, 2022
 2. Linda Rock – Cafeteria Staff – Effective May 26, 2022
 - d. Employment Recommendations:
 1. Irene Peters, 1st Grade Instructional Assistant
 2. Amber Bowyer, Elem. Instructional Assistant
 3. Chuck Evans – Head Boys Golf Coach
 4. Hunter Schanlaub – Assistant Boys Track Coach
 5. Blair Zimmerman – Co-Assistant Girls Track Coach
 6. ~~Mark Evans – Co-Assistant Girls Track Coach~~
 7. Tina Paschen – Volunteer Assistant Track Coach
 - e. Presentation and review of December, 2021 Treasurer's Report and Revenue Reports

Unanimous 3-0 Item 6- Tabled 3-0

Old Business: Dr. Voigt told the board there are no recommendations at this time for a new corporation attorney. The candidate suggested, Mr. Miller, declined the position. Mr. Rhett Lee will continue to represent Caston pro bono in the meantime.

Tabled Unanimous 3-0

New Business: Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve awarding the Track Renovation to Yoder Construction, and to table a decision on the Athletic Outbuildings until the next meeting.

Unanimous 3-0

High School Principal, Chuck Evans, and Elementary Principal, Jennifer Lukens, gave a presentation and explanation of Caston’s tabulated school data. This data was compiled using scores from IReady, NWEA, PSAT, and school discipline referrals.

No Action needed

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to grant approval for the Caston JH Baseball Club to utilize school facilities for practice/events as approved by the Athletic Director & Principal during the 2022 school year.

Unanimous 3-0

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve a resolution for year-end transfers necessary to close out the 2021 Fiscal Year.

Unanimous 3-0

Reports/Information:

- a. ECA monthly financial report (Dec. 2021)
- b. Principal’s Reports
- c. Curriculum Report
- d. Superintendent Report

Dr. Voigt told the board the use of Final Forms is set to begin. Final Forms is currently utilized by the Athletic Department and will soon be used in other areas of the school. This software was introduced by Mrs. Gina Hierlmeier, Caston Athletic Director. Dr. Voigt also told the board members that Caston is receiving a lot of positive media coverage in print and social media platforms.

Public Comment: Ms. Anita Doan reported she was contacted by the Logansport Pharos Tribune regarding Caston’s contract negotiations and had given them a report of the negotiations.

Board Comment:

Cristie Rans questioned Dr. Voigt about the current status of Caston’s HVAC system. He said the system is not at running at optimum use right now, but work is being done to get it to that point. Dr. Voigt was also asked about the water temperature in the FACS Lab. This is another area where equipment is not performing at peak efficiency, but work is ongoing to make sure the temperature is in an effective range without a danger of scalding. Donating dormant class fund surplus dollar amounts to service organizations was questioned, and the possibility of doing so will be researched and reported.

The next regular board meeting will be held on February 16, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.

Adjournment: Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Cristie Rans that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Unanimous 3-0

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