

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

**March 16, 2022  
6:30 P.M.**

Board President, Chad Boldry, called the March 16, 2022, meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:30 P.M. Present were board members: Mrs. Cristie Rans, Mrs. Beth Howard, Mr. Roger Byrum, and Mr. Jeff Smith. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Paul Voigt, Ms. Jennifer Lukens, Mrs. Angela Miller, Ms. Anita Doan, Mrs. Tina Paschen, Ms. Susan Loftain, and Ms. Colleen Diveley. Also present were community members, Lisa Zimpleman, Chris Gualtieri, and Laura Ault. Pharos Tribune reporter, Josh Flynn was also present.

**Celebrations:** Congratulations to two Caston Elementary teams and one Junior High team going to the VEX Worlds Competition in Dallas, Texas, May 8-12, 2022! Congratulations also go to Josh Lowe for receiving Pioneer Athletics' Field of Excellence Award for the third consecutive year! This year's award was for Caston's football field. This is a national and statewide competition. Caston Second graders, Carson Banks and Ketni Gibson were congratulated for earning their chance to compete in State Wrestling Competition. Ketni was a second place medal winner and Carson received third. Dr. Voigt congratulated the High School Boys' Basketball team and coaches for a successful season. After a week of events and festivities, the FFA provided a delicious hog roast enjoyed by staff and community members. The Caston Senior Class returned safely from their trip to Nashville, Tennessee. All had a wonderful time.

**Staff Spotlight:** Congratulations go to Caston's Finance Associate/Treasurer, Ms. Susan Loftain, as the recipient of the March Staff Spotlight Award. Susan was nominated by her co-workers and others. Susan consistently goes far above and beyond her regular duties to not only successfully manage the corporation's finances, but to add to them as well. Susan is often found lending her expertise and knowledge to other departments as well. Thank you, Susan, for all the many things you do for Caston!

Mrs. Tina Paschen gave a detailed presentation on the College-Level Examination Program, or CLEP. Caston is now an official CLEP testing site. This is a great benefit to Caston students to be able to test in their own school. Administering the CLEP will also create a revenue stream for Caston as people and students pay the testing fee.

**Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items:** Mrs. Lisa Zimpleman let the Caston School Board know that she is very supportive of a Caston Junior High Baseball team, and that she has several community members who would be willing to coach. Mrs. Laura Ault also expressed her support of a Junior High team. The inclusion of sixth graders was also mentioned.

**Consent Agenda:** Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- a. Approve minutes of the following meetings of the Caston School Board of Trustees:
  1. February 16, 2022 Minutes of the Regular Meeting
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Resignations/Retirements:
  1. Catherine Diveley – Custodial Staff

d. Employment:

2. David James – Custodial Staff
3. Will Porter – Spring Weight Room Supervisor
4. Ellen King – Jr. High Cheer Coach
5. Ashley Mayhew – Cafeteria Staff
6. Ashley Moon – Bus Driver – Full-time
7. Matt Sitts – Spring Director (three-way split)
8. Blair Zimmerman – Spring Director (three-way split)
9. Abby Beall - Spring Director (three-way split)
10. Amber Helt – Jr. High Battle of the Books Sponsor
11. Vicky Maroney – Elementary Battle of the Books Sponsor
12. Blake Mollenkopf - Elementary Student Council
13. Karen Byrum – Elementary Robotics Sponsor
14. Jamie Taylor – Jr/Sr High Robotics Sponsor
15. Roger Byrum – Volunteer Robotics Coach
16. Teresa Button/Nicole Monical/Nars Sanchez - Elementary National Honor Society

e. Presentation of February, 2022 Treasurer’s Report & Revenue Report

***Unanimous 5-0***

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve adoption of Board Policy Revisions & Adoptions of New Policy (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

1. Bylaw 0167.3 – Public Participation at Board Meetings – Revised
2. Bylaw 2262 – Latch-Key Program – Revised
3. Bylaw 2603 – School Performance Internet Dashboard – New Policy
4. Bylaw 3120.08 – Employment of Personnel for Extracurricular – Revised
5. Bylaw 3120.11 – Public Hearing Before Commencement of Collective Bargaining – Revised
6. Bylaw 3214 – Staff Gifts – Revised
7. Bylaw 3220 – Staff Evaluation – Revised
8. Bylaw 4120.08 – Employment of Personnel for Extracurricular – Revised
9. Bylaw 4214 – Staff Gifts – Revised
10. Bylaw 5340.01 – Student Concussions and Sudden Cardiac Arrest – Revised
11. Bylaw 5460 – Graduation Requirements – Revised
12. Bylaw 5540 – The Schools and Governmental Agencies - Revised
13. Bylaw 5722 – School Sponsored Student Publications and Productions – Replacement
14. Bylaw 6105 – Authorization to Accept and Distribute Electronic Records and to Use Electronic signature – Technical Correction
15. Bylaw 6114 – Cost Principles, Spending Federal Funds – Revised
16. Bylaw 6220 – Budget Preparations – Revised
17. Bylaw 6230 – Budget Hearing – Revised
18. Bylaw 7310 – Disposition of Surplus Property - Revised

19. Bylaw 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety – Revised
20. Bylaw 7540.04 – Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety – Revised
21. Bylaw 8305 – Information Security – Revised
22. Bylaw 8455 – Coach Training, References, and IHSAA Reporting – Revised
23. Bylaw 8600 – Transportation – Revised

***Unanimous 5-0***

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to approve cancellation of checks outstanding 2+ years issued from Caston Extra-Curricular Funds

***Unanimous 5-0***

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve 2022 summer school offerings, contingent on sufficient enrollment and funding, as follows:

17. Jr./Sr. High Credit Recovery Courses
18. Summer Beginning Band
19. Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)
20. Elementary Summer Jumpstart Program
21. Elementary STEM Camp

***Unanimous 5-0***

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to approve the professional overnight leave request for Elaine Sutton, Susan Loftain and Paul Voigt to attend the 2022 IASBO Annual Meeting May 4 - 6, 2022.

***Unanimous 5-0***

Roger Byrum moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve Caston Jr. High Baseball and Softball (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) in the spring of 2023, along with the approved annual budget amounts for coaches, and the charging of an admission fee.

***Unanimous 5-0***

**Other Business: None**

**Reports/Information:**

ECA monthly financial report (Feb. 2022)

Ms. Loftain's report shows the Dance Team balance zeroed out, while the balance for the Class of 2015 is still being reviewed.

Principal's Reports

Caston Elementary has several upcoming field trips. Students will be going to the Honeywell Center, Ivy Tech, and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. After a hiatus due to Covid-19, a special fifth grade trip is being planned. Ms. Lukens reported that online registration has begun for Kindergarten. At this time, twenty-four students are registered. Parent Night at the school will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 p.m.

Curriculum Report

Mrs. Angie Miller reported that several Elementary teachers and one Junior High teacher have registered for Phonics training. She also spoke about Visible Learning training, Caston's Impact Cycle, and how student records are being regularly checked to identify those in need of extra academic help.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Voigt reported that a state bill has passed that allows only three E-learning days per school year. Any missed days following the three allowed days must be Virtual/Zoom days. Also mentioned was the upcoming expiration of the Covid Relief Waiver that has allowed free lunches for students for the past two years. The construction of the new track begins June 4<sup>th</sup>. The HVAC system work continues. Dr. Voigt defined for the board and all present the three areas of Caston's Strategic Plan. This was followed by presenting the Caston

Campus/Facility Improvement Plan. This plan detailed the upcoming needs and future goals for improving Caston’s facility as a whole, utilizing text and color photos for all to see. The school board asked Dr. Voigt to prepare an estimate of the cost for the improvements excluding the current HVAC and other projects in progress. The board was agreeable to implementing improvements that could be accomplished within this year’s budget, such as painting classrooms and hallways, purchasing new entrance mats, and signage. Dr. Voigt will get the detailed information to the board for that so work may be scheduled to begin.

**Public Comment:**

Lisa Zimpleman asked if there would be bleachers installed at the new track. The answer was no that a viewing mound will be constructed with concrete pads and sidewalks. Mrs. Zimpleman stated she would be interested in purchasing from the school, a discarded magnetic chalkboard if one would be replaced with a new white board. She also mentioned to the board she was in favor of seeing two Possible Make Up days added back to the school calendar, as opposed to the E-learning days currently utilized. She, Laura Ault, and Chris Gualtieri once again thanked the board for their approval of the Junior High Baseball/Softball program.

**Board Comment:**

The need for a public work session was discussed and one is scheduled for March 30, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.

The next regular board meeting will be held on April 20, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.

**Adjournment:** Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Beth Howard that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

***Unanimous 5-0***

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