

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

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

Board President, Chad Boldry, called the February 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, Mr. Chuck Evans, Ms. Jennifer Lukens, Mrs. Angela Miller, Ms. Anita Doan, Ms. Susan Loftain, and Ms. Colleen Diveley. Also present were Mr. Charlie Rude, Director of the Kewanna-Union Township Library, Mr. Jason Frazier, Kewanna-Union Township Library board member, and Ms. Lauren Adley, of Peterson, Waggoner & Perkins LLC.

Celebrations: Dr. Voigt congratulated Caston's wrestling champs, Garrison Hickle and Quinlan Kelly, for advancing to regional competition. Also congratulated were Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach, Josh Douglass, and his coaching staff for an outstanding season this year. Mrs. Angie Chapman was recognized as a Junior Achievement Hero. Angie was nominated by Beth Miller for this award. Mrs. Angie Miller announced Caston's FFA Novice Parliamentary Team placed second in the state contest, and that they will serve as the first alternate team for nationals held in October this year.

Staff Spotlight: Congratulations go to Caston Librarian/Media Specialist, Mrs. Amber Helt, as the recipient of the February Staff Spotlight Award. Amber was nominated by Elementary Principal, Jennifer Lukens. Ms. Lukens said Amber always maintains an impeccable library. She also coordinates the video news and announcements, runs the School Book Fair to help provide books for the library, and ensures every Caston student receives a free book. Thank you, Mrs. Helt, for making a difference at Caston!

Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

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

1. January 19, 2022 Regular Monthly Board Meeting
- b. Presentation and review of claims for the month of January, 2022
- c. Resignations/Retirement:
 1. Nick Stuber – Assistant Baseball Coach
- d. Employment Recommendations:
 1. Nick Stuber – Co-Assistant Baseball Coach
 2. Steve Young – Co-Assistant Baseball Coach
 3. Jack Smith – Volunteer JH Wrestling Coach
 4. Rick Phelps – JH Coed Golf Coach
 5. Michael Paschen – Volunteer HS Track Coach
 6. Tammy Olinger – Cafeteria Staff
- e. Presentation of January 31, 2022 Treasurer's Report & Revenue Reports

Unanimous 5-0

Old Business: Roger Byrum moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve Mrs. Lauren Adley as Caston's School Attorney with an hourly retainer fee of \$200.00 per hour.

Unanimous 5-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve awarding the Girls' Softball Press Box Construction Project to Miller Bros. of Twelve Mile. Their bid was for \$24,885.00. An additional four to five thousand dollars will be needed for the public address system and electricity.

Unanimous 5-0

New Business: Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve adoption of a Board Resolution authorizing litigation against manufacturers, distributors and sellers of electronic cigarettes and vaping products.

Unanimous 5-0

- a. Board Policy Revisions & Adoptions of New Policies (**1st 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

1st Reading

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve Jason Frazier for appointment to the Kewanna Union Township Library Board.

Unanimous 5-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to approve Option #3 of the changes/revisions to the Caston School Corporation Re-Entry Plan for 2021-2022, with an effective date of 2-17-2022.

Unanimous 5-0

Other Business:

Roger Byrum moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve Mark Evans as Co-Assistant Girls' Track Coach.

Vote: 4-1 Cristie Rans voting Nay

Reports/Information:

ECA monthly financial report (Jan. 2022)

Principal's Reports

Tutoring in small groups two nights a week is beginning for the 3rd and 5th graders.

FFA Week begins next week and special events are planned in celebration.

Caston's seniors will be traveling to Tennessee in March for their senior trip.

Curriculum Report

JH incentives are being given to students for good behavior and good grades.

Math Textbook Adoption Committee has been looking at the student testing data with regard to the next textbook adoption.

Superintendent Report

The School Zone flashing light has been adjusted by INDOT. It is no longer flashing continuously, which had caused many complaints to the school from the community.

Dr. Voigt mentioned the upcoming FFA Week activities, and the Comet Tale monthly newsletter.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

Cristie Rans reported on her Indiana School Board Association Statehouse Day trip on February 15, 2022. She and other Indiana school board members gathered at the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott Hotel for this event. The annual gathering is a key component of ISBA's Legislative Action Network, which leverages the power of Indiana school boards to inform, influence, and shape sound education policy.

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

Adjournment: Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Roger Byrum that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Unanimous 5-0

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