

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

**August 17, 2022  
6:30 P.M.**

Board President, Chad Boldry, called the August 17, 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, High School Principal Mr. Chuck Evans, Elementary Principal Ms. Jennifer Lukens, Curriculum Director Mrs. Angela Miller, Director of Guidance/CCTA President Ms. Anita Doan, and Administrative Assistant Ms. Colleen Diveley. Community and staff members present were: Melinda & Rich Shultz, Marla DuVall, Randy Zartman, Jerry Baker, Ashley Moon, Karen Byrum, Julie Shafer and Jamie, Jessica, & Kirsten Taylor.

**Celebrations:**

School has gotten off to a good start for the 2022-2023 year. Credit was given to all the staff for such a successful start. Dr. Voigt congratulated High School Secretary, Mrs. Deborah Sailors, Caston's August Staff Spotlight award winner. Mrs. Sailors was nominated by her peers and by high school student, Tru Lee. Miss Lee said that she felt Mrs. Sailors deserved the award because she knows that if she has a question, Mrs. Sailors always has the answers. It was also said that Mrs. Sailors is helpful, kind, and always goes above and beyond her regular duties to help others. Congratulations Mrs. Sailors!

A special presentation on the Caston Academy was given by Director of Online Education, Mr. Rich Shultz. Mr. Shultz explained the differences between Credit Recovery, Virtual Classes, Alternative Education, and Caston Academy. He explained how the program works for Caston students and the requirements for each.

**Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items:**

Mr. Jerry Baker spoke to the board regarding agenda item: C. Employment; 1. Resignations; 1. Ashley Moon. He requested the board consider denying the resignation, as did Mr. Randy Zartman, Mrs. Marla DuVall, and Mrs. Karen Byrum. It was also requested that the vote for the hiring of Karen Byrum as Elem. Special Education Teacher be stricken from the consent agenda and vote on separately. It was agreed that both the resignation of Mrs. Moon and the hiring of Mrs. Byrum would each be a separate vote from the consent agenda.

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

- a. Approve minutes:
  1. July 20, 2022 Public Meeting of the Caston School Board of Trustees
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Employment:
  1. Resignations
    1. ~~Ashley Moon – Bus Driver~~
    2. Ashley Mayhew – Cafeteria Staff

2. Hiring

1. Angel Elliott – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
- ~~2. Karen Byrum – Elem. Special Education Teacher~~
3. Brianna Young – Instructional Assistant
4. Danika Reninger - Instructional Assistant
5. Tony Slocum – Co-Assistant HS Football Coach
6. Delonna Logan – Co-Assistant Volleyball Coach
7. Bill Miller – Bus Driver

d. Presentation and review of Treasurer’s and Revenue Report

***Unanimous 5-0***

Item C; Hiring; #2 Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve Mrs. Karen Byrum as Elem. Special Education Teacher

***Unanimous 4-0  
Roger Byrum Abstained***

Item C; Resignations; #1 Beth Howard moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to table any decision on Mrs. Ashley Moon’s resignation until the September board meeting.

***Unanimous 5-0***

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

a. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to approve the Caston School Corporation Re-Entry Plan for 2022-2023

***Unanimous 5-0***

b. Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Beth Howard to grant approval for Mr. Chuck Evans, Jr/Sr High Principal, for the Senior Class to take a senior trip to Nashville, TN March 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

***Unanimous 5-0***

c. Beth Howard moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve to provide notice of hearing for the 2022 CPF Plan, Bus Replacement Plan, Operations Fund, Education Fund, Debt Service Fund & Rainy Day Fund on Gateway at least 10 days prior to hearing scheduled for September 15, 2022

***Unanimous 5-0***

d. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve Annual review of board policy 3220.01 – Teacher Appreciation Grants

***Unanimous 5-0***

e. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve the Annual Teacher Evaluation Plan for 2022 – 2023

***Unanimous 5-0***

f. Roger Byrum moved, seconded by Beth Howard to approve the Wednesday Activities for the 2022 – 2023 school year

***Unanimous 5-0***

**Other Business:** None

**Reports/Information:**

ECA monthly financial report (July 2022)

Principal's Reports

Ms. Lukens told the board and Dr. Voigt there are currently 78 students in First Grade. Having the board approve the hiring of Mrs. Angel Elliott for first grade was a much appreciated, and great benefit to Elementary staff. Mr. Evans followed that with the announcement that Caston's total enrollment is at 840 students, and that the first three days of school have gone smoothly from the start of the first day to bus drop off of students at the end of the day.

Curriculum Report

Mrs. Angie Miller thanked the board for allowing the staff involved with Visible Learning to attend the conference in Aurora, Colorado. She reported that all new teachers had been teamed up with a mentor for the school year. With an enrollment of 840 students, she said more textbooks need to be ordered, and iPads were distributed to students as of today's date. Assessments begin for students next week.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Voigt reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is now completed, and on budget. Cosmetic work is being done around the school building to freshen the paint, etc. The renovation of the track is waiting for a second layer of rubber coating, then a two-week curing time will follow. It was questioned by board member, Roger Byrum, if the track viewing mound is sufficient or if that could be improved upon.

**Public Comment:**

Mrs. Julie Shafer asked the board about the number of transfer students Caston is allowed to accept. Mrs. Marla DuVall asked the board to consider offering more incentives such as daycare to current and potential bus drivers. Mrs. Jamie Taylor spoke to the board about the relocating of the Caston Robotics practice area. Her daughters who are Caston students, and Robotics participants, also spoke about what the program means to them.

**Board Comment:**

The next regular board meeting will be held on September 21, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. in the Bruce E. Cress Boardroom of the Caston Administration Building.

**Adjournment:** Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Beth Howard that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

***Unanimous 5-0***

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