

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

Board Vice-President Beth Howard called the September 15, 2021, meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. Present were board members: Mr. Jeffery Smith, Mrs. Cristie Rans, and Mr. Roger Byrum. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Paul Voigt, Mr. Chuck Evans, Mrs. Gina Hierlmeier, Mrs. Angie Miller, Ms. Anita Doan, Ms. Susan Loftain, and Ms. Colleen Diveley. Others present were Chuck Smith, Blair Zimmerman, Andy Hubenthal, Bob Redweik, Vicky Maroney, Brent Thomas, Heidi Rudicel, Tiffany Douglass, Julie Shafer, and Robin Reyburn.

2. Celebrations:

Dr. Voigt mentioned the number of people who turned out to line the route taken by the military's return of Cpl. Humberto Sanchez's remains to his hometown of Logansport. Cpl. Sanchez was killed in the line of duty in Kabul, Afghanistan. Also reported by Dr. Voigt was the \$40,000.00 Homeland Security grant Caston received for funding our School resource Officer, Scott Wilburn. Beth Howard praised Edison Byrum's school spirit at last Friday night's home football game. Mrs. Elaine Sutton was honored as Caston's Staff Spotlight member for September. Mrs. Sutton was nominated for her dedication and willingness to help whenever she can, going above and beyond to make sure payroll and insurance needs are always met, and her always pleasant and cheerful demeanor. She is a great Caston staff member!

3. Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

4. Consent Agenda:

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- a. Approve meeting minutes of the School Board of Trustees as follows:
 1. August 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
 2. August 18, 2021 Executive Session
 3. August 25, 2021 Public Work Session
 4. August 26, 2021 Executive Session
 5. September 1, 2021 Special Board Meeting
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Employment:
 1. Resignations/Leaves of Absence
 1. Ashley Moon – Spec. Ed. Instructional Asst.
 2. Diana Smith – School Nurse
 2. Hiring
 1. Jonathon Allender – Band Director Club Sponsor
 2. Matthew Sitts – Choral Director Club Sponsor
 3. Nick Korniak – FFA Advisor
 4. Melinda Shultz – Yearbook/Newspaper Sponsor
 5. Leah Hinderlider – FCCLA Sponsor
 6. Nikki Evans & Paula Hernandez – Co-Junior Class Sponsors
 7. Melinda Shultz – Senior Class Sponsor
 8. Chuck Evans – Volunteer Senior Class Sponsor

9. Tina Paschen & Gina Hierlmeier – Co-HS Student Council Sponsors
 10. Trisha Bennett – JH Student Council Sponsor
 11. Nikki Evans - NHS Sponsor
 12. Alyssa Rosheck – NJHS Sponsor
 13. Melinda Shultz – Key Club Sponsor
 14. Paula Hernandez – Spanish Club Sponsor
 15. Abby Beall – Art Club Sponsor
 16. Melinda Shultz – Dual Credit Certification Stipend
 17. Mike Buczkowski, Melinda Shultz, Tiffany Douglass, Nick Stuber, Shirley Musselman & Amy Myers – Department Heads
 18. Kyla Johnson – Cafeteria Staff
 19. Anita Doan – Volunteer Asst. JH Cheer Coach
 20. Nick Stuber – Weight Room Supervisor (Fall)
 21. Jordan Santillana – Asst. Girls’ Volleyball Coach
 22. Amber Bowyer – 5th Grade Girls’ Volleyball Coach
 23. Carl Davis – Head Varsity Boys’ BB Coach
 24. Chip Woodhouse – Varsity Asst. Boys’ BB Coach
 25. Bob Daily - Varsity Asst. Boys’ BB Coach
 26. Daniel Scales - Volunteer Asst. Boys’ BB Coach
 27. Braden Chandler - Volunteer Asst. Boys’ BB Coach
 28. Chuck Evans – Volunteer Asst. Boys’ BB Coach
 29. Brandon Kinser – 8th Grade Boys’ BB Coach
 30. Blake Mollenkopf – 7th Grade Boys’ BB Coach
 31. Braden Chandler – 6th Grade Boys’ BB Coach
 32. Dan Williams – 6th Grade Boys’ Volunteer Asst. BB Coach
 33. Hunter Schanlaub – 5th Grade Boys’ BB Coach
 34. Mike Rans – 5th Grade Boys’ Volunteer Asst. BB Coach
 35. Josh Douglass – Head Varsity Girls’ BB Coach
 36. Sam Schanlaub – Varsity Asst. Girls’ BB Coach
 37. Blake Harness - Varsity Asst. Girls’ BB Coach
 38. Brent Thomas – Volunteer Asst. Girls BB Coach
 39. Steve Young – 8th Grade Girls’ BB Coach
 40. Josette Martz – 7th Grade Girls’ BB Coach
 41. Josh Craig – 6th Grade Girls’ BB Coach
 42. Josh Coffing – 6th Grade Girls’ Volunteer Asst. BB Coach
 43. Hunter Schanlaub – 5th Grade Girls’ BB Coach
 44. Mark Evans – Head Wrestling Coach
 45. Uriah Horn – Varsity Asst. Wrestling Coach
 46. Mark Evans & Sam DuVall – Co-JH Wrestling Coaches
- d. Presentation and review of August, 2021 Treasurer’s Report and Revenue Report

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5. Old Business:

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve Board Policy Revisions & Adoption of New Policies: (2nd Reading)

1. Bylaw 0112 – Purpose – Revised
2. Bylaw 1220 – Employment of Superintendent – Revised
3. Bylaw 2240 – Controversial Issues – Revised

4. Bylaw 2260.01 – Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability – Replacement
5. Bylaw 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex – Revised
6. Bylaw 3120 – Employment of Professional Staff – Revised
7. Bylaw 4120 – Employment of Support Staff – Revised
8. Bylaw 4425 – Nursing Mothers – New Policy
9. Bylaw 4430 – Leaves of Absence – Technical Correction
10. Bylaw 5111 – Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students without Legal Settlement – Revised
11. Bylaw 5410 – Promotion, Placement, and Retention – Revised
12. Bylaw 6250 – Required ADM Counts for the Purpose of State Funding – Revised
13. Bylaw 7440.01 – Electronic Monitoring and Recording – Revised
14. Bylaw 7450 – Property Inventory – Revised
15. Bylaw 7455 – Accounting System for Capital Assets – Revised
16. Bylaw 7530.02 – Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices – Revised
17. Bylaw 8500 – Food Service Program – Revised
18. Bylaw 8510 – Wellness – Revised
19. Bylaw 8606 = Bus Drivers and Cellular Telephone Use - Revised

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6. New Business:

a. Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to grant approval for a request for Mrs. Gina Hierlmeier to attend the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Conference Sept. 26th - 28th, 2021 in Indianapolis

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b. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to grant approval for the request from Mr. Chuck Evans, Jr/Sr High Principal, for the Senior Class to take a senior trip to Nashville, TN March 13th – 16th, 2022

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c. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to grant approval of a Service Agreement for Barton-Coe-Vilamaa Architect & Engineers for the track and softball improvements.

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d. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to grant approval for Wednesday school activities

20. Sept. 29 – Homecoming Student Activities
21. Oct. 6 – IHSAA Soccer Sectional
22. Dec. 1 – Cass County BB Tournament
23. Dec. 16 – JH/HS Christmas Concert
24. Dec. 29 – Miami County Invite G&B BB Tournaments
25. Feb. 2 – IHSAA GBB Tournament
26. Mar. 2 – IHSAA BBB Tournament
27. May 4 – Spring Concert
28. May 11 – Cass County Track Meet
29. May 18 – FFA Banquet
30. May 25 – IHSAA BA/SB Tournament

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e. Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to approve Plan B of the Caston School Corporations Re-Entry Plan for 2021 – 2022, effective immediately. Students who are home due to contact tracing and asymptomatic may return to school with a mask on Friday, September 17, 2021

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7. Other Business: None

8. Reports/Information:

ECA Monthly Financial Report (August 2021)

Principal's Report

Mr. Evans reported that Covid continues to be challenging but he said the school staff is very patient and cooperative through the challenges.

Curriculum Report

Mrs. Miller agreed with Mr. Evans and commended everyone's patience through the challenges.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Voigt reminded the board that the ISBA Conference is October 11th & 12th if any of them would like to attend, and to please let him know if they do.

As of September 15th, Caston's enrollment is at 737 students, with more enrolling. While this is great for Caston, the increased enrollment is causing a need for re-routing buses or possibly another bus route to be added. The southern bus routes are becoming very crowded with students.

An update was given on the status of the Wastewater Treatment Project. The contractors are waiting for the delivery of materials and expect to be underway by the end of September.

Food shortages are causing difficulties for the Food Service Department, and Mrs. Marrs is working with suppliers to keep Caston food supplies at an adequate level.

9. Public Comment: None

10. Board Comment:

Beth Howard expressed her thanks to Jeff Smith for his wife Diana's sixteen years of service to the Caston School Corporation.

The next regular board meeting will be held on October 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bruce E. Cress Boardroom, Caston Administration Building.

11. Adjournment: Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Roger Byrum that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

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