

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

Board President, Chad Boldry, called the September 1, 2021, Special Meeting to order at 6:06 P.M. Present at the meeting were board members: Mr. Jeffery Smith, Mrs. Beth Howard, Mrs. Cristie Rans, and Mr. Roger Byrum. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Paul Voigt, High School Principal Chuck Evans, Elementary Principal, Jennifer Lukens, Athletic Director, Gina Hierlmeier, Curriculum Director, Angie Miller, Caston Attorney, Rhett Lee, CCTA Representative, Anita Doan, Caston School Resource Officer, Scott Wilburn, and Administrative Assistant, Colleen Diveley. Community members signing in were as follows: Stephanie Mollenkopf, Charlotte Harness, Elizabeth Thomas, Blair Zimmerman, Seth White, Greg Zimpleman, Tina Paschen, Jake Paschen, Tara Taylor, Teresa Button, Diana Smith, Matt Finke, Sara Zimmerman, Katie Yarber, Chuck Smith, Joel Thomas, Nanette Sherrick, Brent Thomas, Jessica Rentschler, Jason Herd, Josette Martz, Camille Zimpleman, Julie Scales, Heidi Rudicel, Marla DuVall, Noreen Brumett, Dave Brumett, Catherine Calisto, and Tiffany Douglass .

**2. Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items:**

Public comments centered on the following concerns: keeping students safely in school; Caston's Covid testing policy; ramifications of parents having to miss work; stress levels on the students, staff, and parents; litigation issues; awareness of the minimum requirements per Governor Holcomb's Covid 19 Executive Order 21-24; peer pressure concerns due to contact tracing and false positive/false negative results; consistency in mask wearing; quarantine rooms for those without masks, and teachers wearing masks in classrooms.

**3. Board Discussion:**

Beth Howard stated she is in favor of Re-entry Plan B taking effect after the Governor's Executive order, 21-24 , expires September 30, 2021. Jeff Smith said he would like more masking information and details. Chad Boldry was also in favor of Plan B taking effect after September 30, 2021 and having Caston follow Executive order 21-24 in the meantime. He also stated that if we need to wear masks to keep students in school, he would support the mask coverage. Cristie Rans was in favor of Plan B, and would also support mask coverage for Caston School Corporation if the need arises. Roger Byrum said he would like a decision on the re-entry plan tabled for now.

**4. Changes/revisions to the Caston School Corporations Re-Entry Plan for 2021 - 22**

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to table changes/revisions to the Caston School Corporations Re-Entry Plan for 2021 – 22 until the next regular board meeting, and to enact a mask mandate for Caston School Corporation to be effective September 7, 2021.

***Vote: 3-2 Chad Boldry and Beth Howard voting Nay***

Attorney Rhett Lee will look into and advise the school board as to the Fulton County Health Department's recommendation on student athletes wearing masks in game situations. Students in quarantine prior to tonight's meeting may not come back to school until their quarantine is finished. Parent notification is to be given as soon as possible prior to Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

5. **Public Comment:** None

10. **Adjournment:** Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Cristie Rans that the special meeting be adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

*Unanimous 5-0*

The next board meeting will be held on September 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Caston Administration Building.

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