

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

January 22, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Board President, Cristie Rans, called the January 22, 2025, meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:30 P.M. Present were board members: Mrs. Beth Howard, Mr. Jeff Smith, Mr. Chad Boldry, and Mr. Scott Rudicel. Also present were Superintendent, Mrs. Angela Miller, Corporation Attorney, Mrs. Lauren Adley, High School Principal, Mr. Chuck Evans, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Gina Hierlmeier, Elementary Principal, Ms. Jennifer Lukens, Guidance Counselor/CCTA President, Ms. Anita Doan, and Administrative Assistant, Ms. Colleen Diveley. Also present at the meeting were Curriculum Coordinator, Mrs. Shelly Sarver and Caston Bus Driver, Mrs. Ashley Moon.

Celebrations: Mrs. Heidi Rudicel received grant money for her kindergarten classroom. Indiana Pork presented her with an Amazon gift card to purchase necessary items for the class.

Staff Spotlight: January is School Board Appreciation Month, and to honor our Board of Trustees, they were named Staff Spotlight recipients for the month of January! The board has one of the hardest jobs in the district, and many times that hard work is not shown in the day to day workings of the school. However, the school board lays the strong foundation for everything that happens day to day. Our thanks and appreciation go to our board members!

Presentation: Mrs. Shelly Sarver presented the upcoming, One Book, One School, initiative that begins February 3, 2025, and runs for the entire month.

Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

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

- a. Approve minutes of the 1-8-25 Annual Reorganization Meeting, and the Board of Finance Meeting
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Resignations/Retirement:
- d. Employment Recommendations:
 1. Gina Hierlmeier, Caston High School Principal
(effective July 1, 2025)
 2. Blair Zimmerman, Head Varsity Track Coach
 3. Ben Brubaker, Assistant Varsity Track Coach
 4. Greg Martz, Assistant Varsity Track Coach
 5. Brianna Young, JH Track Coach
 6. Megan Young, JH Track Coach
- e. Presentation and review of December, 2024 Treasurer's Report and Revenue Reports

Unanimous 5-0

Old Business: None

New Business Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to grant approval for Tina Paschen and Gina Hierlmeier to attend the School Safety Conference April 1 & 2, 2024 in Indianapolis.

Unanimous 5-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Scott Rudicel to grant approval for Angie Miller, Elaine Sutton and April Oberkrom to attend the 80th Annual IASBO Annual Meeting on May 7-9, 2025 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Unanimous 5-0

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Chad Boldry to approve Melinda Shultz to attend the ACP L202 Conference in Bloomington, Indiana March 6-7, 2025

Unanimous 5-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Scott Rudicel approve the Policy Review 2nd Reading

1. 0142.3-Vacancies and Appointment of Board Members
2. 0144.1-Compensation
3. 3231-Outside Activities of Staff
4. 336.01-Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members
5. 4210-Employment of Support Staff
6. 5330-Use of Medication

Unanimous 5-0

Policy Review 1st Reading

1. 1521-Person Background Checks, References and Mandatory Reporting
2. 2221-Mandatory Curriculum
3. 2414-Reproductive Health and Family Planning and Human Sexuality Instruction
4. 24160-Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information
5. 2510-Adoption of Curricular Materials
6. 2520-Selection of Curricular Materials, School Library Materials and Equipment
7. 3120-Adjunct Teachers
8. 3121-Personal Background Checks, References and Mandatory Reporting
9. 3220.01-Teacher Appreciation Grant
10. 4121-Personal Background Checks, References and Mandatory Reporting
11. 5410-Promotion, Placement and Retention
12. 5710-Student Complaints
13. 5720-Student Activism
14. 6152-Student Fees and Charges
15. 9130-Public Complaints and Concerns

Consensus

8. Other Business: None

Reports/Information:

ECA monthly financial report (Dec. 2024)

Principal's Report

Ms. Lukens said the recent remote learning days went well. Mr. Evans reported the Jr/Sr High had 90% attendance for the remote learning days. He also mentioned upcoming events including the Chicken Noodle Dinner, Snowflake Shake Dance, SAT Bootcamp, and FFA Week.

Superintendent Report:

Mrs. Miller reported on the ongoing need for childcare in the area, having lunch with the Comet Cash students, media coverage of the PLTW grants as well as Dr. Hoff's generous donation to the High School Science Department. Mrs. Miller and Tech Director Dan Williams attended a cyber security study council meeting, and were given many helpful strategies for the school to stay secure online.

Public Comment: Ms. Anita Doan thanked the board for their cooperation with her as CCTA president during teacher contract negotiations over the years. She will be stepping down from her position upon her retirement.

Board Comment: None

The next regular board meeting will be held February 19, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. in the Bruce E Cress Boardroom of the Caston Administration Building.

Adjournment: Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Chad Boldry that the regular meeting be adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

Unanimous 5-0

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