

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

April 17, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Board President, Beth Howard, called the April 17, 2024, meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:30 P.M. Present were board members: Mrs. Cristie Rans, Mr. Jeff Smith, Mr. Chad Boldry, and Mr. Roger Byrum. Also present were Superintendent, Mrs. Angela Miller, Corporation Attorney, Mrs. Lauren Adley, Athletic Director, Mr. Trent Tocco, Elementary Principal, Ms. Jennifer Lukens, Director of Guidance/CCTA President, Ms. Anita Doan, Corporation Treasurer, Mrs. Elaine Sutton, and Administrative Assistant, Ms. Colleen Diveley. Also present at the meeting were BakerTilly representatives, Mr. Jay Staley, and Mr. Tyler Loeffelholz.

Celebrations: Ms. Lukens reported that Jump Rope for Heart had raised over \$9300.00 Elementary Battle of the Books has won the first two rounds of competition and will return tomorrow night for the next round. Mr. Evans said Caston students competed yesterday at the IESP Academic Contest and won first place in Fine Arts. Caston seniors, Ava Sylvain and Julina Sherrick will graduate from Ivy Tech on May 10th. Over two hundred students competed in the HNAC Math Tournament recently, and Caston placed sixth.

Staff Spotlight: Custodial staff member, Josie Clemans is Caston's Staff Spotlight recipient for the month of April. A co-worker nominated her and said Josie's friendliness and humor positively contribute to the school's culture. Josie goes above and beyond finding ways to help out. She is quick to forgive and move on. A student who nominated Josie wanted her to get the credit for cleaning up all the spills and dumps and cleaning up after the kids. Congratulations Josie!

Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

Consent Agenda: Before a motion was made to approve the consent agenda, Jeff Smith asked that under section d. Employment, item #31 be a separate voting item, as it could be a conflict of interest for him. With all in agreement, Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Chad Boldry, to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- a. Approve minutes of the following meetings of the Caston School Board of Trustees:
 - 1. March 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
 - 2. March 20, 2024 Public Work Session
- a. Presentation and review of claims
- a. Accept resignations & requests for retirement as follows:
- a. Employment as follows:
 - 1. Melinda Shultz – Mentor Teacher
 - 2. Amy Banks - Mentor Teacher
 - 3. Gina Hierlmeier- Mentor Teacher
 - 4. Nikki Evans – Mentor Teacher
 - 5. Tammy Cooley - Mentor Teacher
 - 6. Tina Paschen - Mentor Teacher
 - 7. Carl Davis – Mentor Teacher
 - 8. Mike Buczkowski – Mentor Teacher
 - 9. Amy Banks - PLC Lead Teacher

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11. Nathan Speitel - PLC Lead Teacher
12. Nikki Evans - PLC Lead Teacher
13. Tammy Cooley - PLC Lead Teacher
14. Stephanie Mollenkopf – Mentor Teacher
15. Cindy DePyper - Mentor Teacher
16. Crysta Bowyer- Mentor Teacher
17. Nathan Speitel – Mentor Teacher
18. Shelly Sarver – Mentor Teacher
19. Christi Rush - Mentor Teacher
20. Jessica Rentschler - PLC Lead Teacher
21. Stephanie Mollenkopf - PLC Lead Teacher
22. Anna Holmes - PLC Lead Teacher
23. Cindy DePyper -PLC Lead Teacher
24. Teresa Button - PLC Lead Teacher
25. Nars Sanchez - PLC Lead Teacher
26. Vicky Maroney - Spell Bowl Coach
27. Nicole Monical - Co Elementary NHS Sponsor
28. Nars Sanchez - Co Elementary NHS Sponsor
29. Blake Mollenkopf - Elementary Student Council Sponsor
30. Brandon Kinser - Weight Room Supervisor
- ~~31. Erin Smith - Volunteer Volleyball Coach~~
32. Wilson Mompremier - Evening Custodian

e. Presentation of March 2024 Treasurer's & Revenue Reports

Unanimous 5-0

31. Chad Boldry moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to approve Erin Smith as Volunteer Volleyball Coach

Vote: 4-0 Jeff Smith abstained

Old Business: None

New Business: Consider for approval - 2024-25 School Handbooks and Athletic Handbook
(1st Reading)

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Chad Boldry to grant approval for a resolution to adopt the Cass County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan dated March 2024

Unanimous 5-0

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Roger Byrum to grant approval for summer 2024 capital projects

Unanimous 5-0

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Chad Boldry grant approval for the Logansport Police Department and the Fulton County Sheriff's Department to use the Caston campus on May 8th for a drone training

Unanimous 5-0

Other Business: Roger Byrum moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve the resignation of Marguerite Rock, Elementary Instructional Assistant

Unanimous 5-0

Reports/Information:

ECA monthly financial report (Mar. 2024)

Principal's Report

Ms. Lukens said as of today there are forty-four Kindergarten enrollees. The 2024-2025 kindergarteners will come to school May 8th to see the school and have lunch. Kindergarten screening will be in July this year. Chuck Evans said Caston's graduation will be on Friday, May 24th at 7:30 p.m. The senior IMPACT dinner is coming up, as well as the annual FFA Banquet. Caston's school-wide carnival will be held April 27, 2024, and the Senior Awards night will be May 13, 2024. Prom will be held at The Gathering Place in Twelve Mile, May 3, 2024.

Superintendent Report:

Mrs. Miller reported that she attended the Rural Education Summit with Ms. Lukens on April 12th and was at the IAPSS Spring Seminar today. PBIS had a fourth day of training, and there will be an update at the May board meeting. Gina Hierlmeier recently attended CPI training. Caston held a Family Literacy Night on April 9th that was very well attended.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: The annual FFA Banquet is Wednesday, May 15, which is a board meeting night. It is suggested the board meeting be moved forward.

The next regular board meeting will be held May 22, 2024, 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 7:09 P.M.

Unanimous 5-0

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