

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

March 20, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Board President, Beth Howard, called the March 20, 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, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Gina Hierlmeier, 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: Mrs. Hierlmeier reported that the senior trip to Tennessee is going well. The annual Caston FFA Easter Egg Hunt was held earlier this evening, spring sports have begun, Football Camp is currently underway, SATs were taken, and the NWEA is completed. Ms. Lukens told the board that the annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser was held for 2024. Mrs. Miller reported Caston's success at the First Pitch competition. Caston students placed sixth with a gadget that makes mini snack squares, a homemade pizza roll product. The 2nd place winner was a weightlifting product called Autospotter. This device is designed to alleviate the need for a spotter, allowing the ability to lift weights alone. The Caston Spring Musical, Night With Broadway, was a great success with over 285 people attending. Caston's Transportation and Grounds Director, Josh Lowe, and his crew have received the Pioneer Athletics Fields of Excellence award for the fifth consecutive year! Caston's "Comet Crater" was one of only five football fields to be recognized in Indiana!

Staff Spotlight: School Nurse Lindsey Ball is Caston's Staff Spotlight recipient for the month of March. A student and a co-worker nominated her. Mrs. Ball is described as nice, funny, and the best nurse! Also that she is one who goes above and beyond for students and staff, and is a great school nurse. Congratulations Lindsey!

Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

Consent Agenda: Before entertaining a motion to approve the consent agenda, Beth Howard asked that item #5 be stricken from the agenda, as the candidate failed to submit final documents. With all in agreement, Cristie Rans 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. February 21, 2024 Minutes of the Regular Meeting
 2. February 21, 2024 Minutes of the Public Work Session
 3. March 6, 2024 Minutes of the Public Work Session
- b. Presentation and review of claims
- c. Resignations/Retirements:
 1. Addie Pfeiffer - Choir Teacher - Resignation effective May 24, 2024
 2. Amy Myers - Business Teacher - Retirement w/o benefits effective May 24, 2024
- d. Employment:
 1. JH Battle of Books Sponsor, Amber Helt
 2. Co Spring Musical Director, Addie Pfeiffer

3. Co Spring Musical Director, Nikki Evans
 4. Co Spring Musical Director, Blair Zimmerman
 5. ~~Volunteer Track Coach, Santiago Henderson~~
- e. Presentation of February, 2024 Treasurer's Report & Revenue Report

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

Roger Byrum moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to grant approval for the overnight stay for the Caston Robotics Teams on March 22, 2024, in Indianapolis to attend the State Robotics Championships.

Unanimous 5-0

Chad Boldry moved, seconded by Cristie Rans to approve changes to Policy 5200 Attendance. (Second Reading)

Unanimous 5-0

Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Roger Byrum approve the 2024 summer school offerings, contingent on sufficient enrollment and funding, as follows:

1. Jr./Sr. High Summer School and Credit Recovery Courses
2. Summer Beginning Band
3. Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)
4. Elementary Summer School
5. Elementary STEAM Camp

Unanimous 5-0

8. Other Business: None

Reports/Information:

ECA monthly financial report (Feb. 2024)

Principal's Report

Ms. Lukens said Mrs. Helt is doing a Final Four Bracket contest for favorite book choices of students. The Comet Cash Store is coming up soon for elementary students. So far, there are 38 Kindergarteners enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year. Free Physicals will be available for student athletes on April 10, 2024, here at Caston. The Junior High Spring Fling will be held April 12, 2024, and the HNAC Math contest will be held at Caston on April 17, 2024.

Superintendent Report:

Mrs. Miller reported that the reunification plan has been completed for the Emergency Preparedness Binders. She has had the first meeting for the upcoming HVAC construction project, attended an IA seminar, and the WELL workshop.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

The next regular board meeting will be held April 17, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. in the Bruce E Cress Boardroom of the Caston Administration Building.

A Public Work Session will be held the same evening immediately following the regular board meeting.

Adjournment: Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Roger Byrum that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Unanimous 5-0

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