MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL REORGANIZATION
& BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF
CASTON SCHOOL CORPORATION

2024 Board President, Beth Howard, called the January 8, 2025, Annual Reorganization Meeting and Oath of Office 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, Corporation Treasurer Mrs. Elaine Sutton, and Administrative Assistant Ms. Colleen Diveley. Newly elected board member, Mr. Scott Rudicel was also present.

Oath of Office: At 6:30 p.m., Mrs. Lauren Adley administered the Oath of Office to recently elected board members, Mrs. Cristie Rans, Mr. Chad Boldry, and Mr. Scott Rudicel. Their terms of office run from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028.

Presentation: Board President, Beth Howard, presented an engraved, crimson and gold apple award to outgoing board member, Mr. Roger Byrum, in appreciation of his five years of service to the Board of Trustees. Roger has been with the board and the corporation through the challenges of Covid and several building projects. He has been an asset to the board, the corporation, and the community.

Reorganization Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by board president, Beth Howard.

Public Comment Regarding Advertised Items: None

Consent Agenda: Cristie Rans moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

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a. Approve minutes of the December Meetings as follows:
1. December 11, 2024, Monthly Board Meeting

b. Approve Year-End Appropriation Transfers

c. Resignations/Retirements:
1. Anita Doan-retirement effective May 31, 2025

d. Employment:
1. Tonya Hartman-Cafeteria

Unanimous 5-0

Old Business: None

New Business: Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Chad Boldry that the regular board meetings for the 2025 calendar year of the Caston School Board of Trustees would be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. in the Bruce E. Cress Board Room of the Caston School Corporation Administration Building.

Unanimous 5-0

Board Reorganization: Board President Beth Howard opened nominations for the office of **President** of the Caston School Board of Trustees for the 2025 Calendar Year. Beth Howard nominated Cristie Rans for President. Chad Boldry moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to close nominations for Board President. With all in favor, the vote was taken, and Cristie Rans was unanimously elected as President.

Unanimous 5-0

President Cristie Rans opened nominations for the office of **Vice President** of the Caston School Board of Trustees for the 2025 Calendar Year. Beth Howard nominated Jeff Smith for Vice-President. Chad Boldry moved to close the nominations, seconded by Beth Howard. With all in favor, the vote was taken and Jeff Smith was elected unanimously as Vice President.

Unanimous 5-0

President Cristie Rans opened nominations for the office of **Secretary** of the Caston School Board of Trustees for the 2025 Calendar Year. Beth Howard nominated Chad Boldry to serve as Secretary. Beth Howard moved to close the nominations, seconded by Jeff Smith. With all in favor, the vote was taken and Chad Boldry was unanimously elected as Secretary.

Unanimous 5-0

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Scott Rudicel to appoint Elaine Sutton as Corporation Treasurer & set bond for $100,000.

Unanimous 5-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Chad Boldry to appoint April Oberkrom to the office of Deputy Treasurer.

Unanimous 5-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Chad Boldry to appoint Mrs. Erin Kline as ECA Treasurer & Set Bond for $50,000.

Unanimous 5-0

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Scott Rudicel to appoint Mr. Chuck Evans as Extra Curricular Fund Financial Administrator.

Unanimous 5-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Chad Boldry to appoint Ms. Jennifer Lukens and Ms. Gina Hierlmeier as Extra Curricular Fund Assistant Financial Administrators.

Unanimous 5–0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Chad Boldry to appoint Ms. Jennifer Lukens as Title IX Coordinator.

Unanimous 5–0

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Beth Howard to appoint Cristie Rans as ISBA Legislative Liaison.

Unanimous 5–0

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Scott Rudicel to appoint Beth Howard and Cristie Rans as board representatives on the negotiations team.

Unanimous 5–0

The annual Conflict of Interest Statement signed by all board members at tonight's meeting.

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Chad Boldry to set the bond for Food Service Director, Alysha Marrs, Cafeteria Head Cashier, Jeannette (Liz) Taylor, and Athletic Director, Trent Tocco at $50,000 each.

Unanimous 5–0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Jeff Smith to approve the 2025 compensation of Board Members at the following meeting rates: Each member is to be paid $2000.00 per year; in addition, a per diem of $112.00 for attendance at regular school board meetings; and $62.00 for attendance at special board meetings. The limit that any board member can be paid in a calendar year is $5000.00. This compensation remains in effect until modified by the school board through resolution or motion.

Unanimous 5-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Chad Boldry to approve the Resolution for Rainy Day Fund for Fiscal year 2025.

Unanimous 5–0

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Scott Rudicel to approve the Resolution to Deposit or Transfer Interest to the 2025 Operations Fund.

Unanimous 5-0

Beth Howard moved, seconded by Chad Boldry to accept the $10,000.00 donation to the Jr/Sr High School Science Department from Dr. Kenneth Hoff, Caston graduate.

Unanimous 5-0

Other Business: Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Scott Rudicel to approve hiring Dysen Pufahl as Elementary Special Education Assistant

Unanimous 5-0

Reports/Information: Mrs. Miller reported on the recent suicide training for teachers and staff, preschool survey results, and success sheets completed by teachers and staff.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: The Board Retreat will be held on March 11, 2025 in the Bruce E. Cress Boardroom, and the next regular board meeting will be January 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the same location.

Adjournment: Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Chad Boldry that the 2025 Reorganization Meeting be adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Unanimous 5-0

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Annual Board of Finance Meeting

President Cristie Rans called to order the annual Board of Finance Meeting at 7:05 P.M. Present at the meeting were: Beth Howard, Jeff Smith, Chad Boldry, Scott Rudicel, Angela Miller, Lauren Adley, Elaine Sutton, and Colleen Diveley.

President Cristie Rans opened nominations for Board of Finance President. Beth Howard nominated Cristie Rans. Beth Howard moved, and Chad Boldry seconded to close the nominations. With all in favor, the vote was taken and the board voted unanimously 5-0 to elect Cristie Rans as Board of Finance President.

Unanimous 5-0

President Cristie Rans opened nominations for Board of Finance Secretary. Beth Howard nominated Chad Boldry. Beth Howard moved, seconded by Scott Rudicel to close the nominations. With all in favor, the board voted unanimously 5-0 to elect Chad Boldry as Board of Finance Secretary.

Unanimous 5-0

The board reviewed the report submitted by Superintendent Angela Miller, assessing the financial condition of the School Corporation using the fiscal and qualitative indicators determined under I.C. 20-19-7-4 as required in Section 8 of IC 5-13-7-8 effective July 1, 2019.

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Chad Boldry to adjourn the 2025 Board of Finance Meeting at 7:17 P.M.

Unanimous 5-0

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