

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF
CASTON SCHOOL CORPORATION

The Caston Board of School Trustees met Tuesday, January 10, 2012, in the administration building. Present were Board members Dr. James Ayers, Mr. Jason Herd, Mrs. Joyce Zartman, Mr. Bruce Cress, and Superintendent Mr. Dan Foster. Also attending were Transportation Supervisor Adam Taylor and Gary Baumgardner

6:30 P.M. – Public Work Session: Information regarding regular Board meeting and other items, etc.

- A. Mr. Foster spoke about the Transportation Hand Books.
- B. Mr. Phillips asked some questions concerning the end of year Appropriation Report

Regular Meeting: Board President Dr. Ayers called the regular meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:01 P.M.

Celebrations:

- A. Caston Elementary Principal Mrs. Cindy Douglass recently learned that the elementary has been named to the list of InSai 2012 “Top Gainer” Schools. The Top Gainer award is presented to schools that have 1) prepared a school improvement plan that meets ASAI’s standards for school improvement planning, and 2) are in the top category for PL221 as determined by the Indiana Department of Education based on a) student pass rates in the ISTEP + tests and End-of-Course Assessments, b) improvement on the pass rates, and c) federal AYP determinations. Congratulations Mrs. Douglass, staff, committee, and students!
- B. Caston Jr-Sr High Principal, Mr. Adam Strasser, has announced that, all 21 students who took the ACP writing course for IU credit earned their credit. Great job students and Mrs. Shultz!
- C. Caston Elementary teacher, Mrs. Jill Strasser is excited to announce The Honeywell Center is sponsoring an artist residency program on January 25 at 1:30. Bruce Langston is an illustrator, and he leads the children through drawing. They will all be drawing at the same time.
- D. Caston Athletic Director Miss Debb Stevens recently received a complimentary note from an official which reads, “I want to compliment Caston’s Jr. High boys. I appreciate the sportsmanship, hard work and respect they displayed against Logansport. Their hard work makes our job even more enjoyable.” Very nice representation of Caston so thank you players, coaches, and parents!

Consent Agenda: Mrs. Zartman moved, seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve consent agenda items as follows:

- A. Treasurer’s Report for December 2011.
- B. Claims # 30081 through # 30167 inclusive for payment totaling \$432,772.12 and Claims # 30168 through # 30236 inclusive for payment totaling \$325,137.25

C. Employment of 2011-2012 extra curricular staff/volunteers as follows: Vince Huffman-as an academic team coach, volunteer Mike Marrs as an assistant in Softball, and Pat Brown for Spring Musical. Unanimous 5-0

Handbook: Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mr. Herd to approve the Transportation Handbook for staff hired on/after January 10, 2012 with guidelines. Unanimous 5-0

Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Student: Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mrs. Zartman to approve Policy 5111-Elegibility of Resident/Nonresident Student with “May be required” included in policy. Unanimous 5-0

Mr. Herd moved, seconded by Mr. Cress to approve membership renewal in the Indiana Association of School Business Officials for Finance Associate/Treasurer, Denise Chandler, through December 31, 2012. Cost \$42.00. Unanimous 5-0

Mrs. Zartman moved, seconded by Mr. Herd to approve the recommendation of adding the following to the current course offerings for the 2012-2013 school year; 1) Anatomy & Physiology, 2) Applied Music (L), and 3) Music History and Appreciation.
Unanimous 5-0

Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mrs. Zartman to approve the consideration of employee stipends as presented. Motion failed with Mr. Cress and Dr. Ayers voting ‘aye’; Mr. Phillips, Mr. Herd, and Mrs. Zartman voting ‘nay’.

Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mr. Herd to approve the motion that the Graduation monies of \$20,000.00 be distributed among certified staff, determined by Superintendent Mr. Dan Foster and Principal Mr. Adam Strasser. Motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Cress and Dr. Ayers voting ‘nay’.

Reports/Information: Extra Curricular report and Alumni Recognition Report, the approved list of Resolution approved by the Board Report.

Board Comment: Mr. Herd would like the Board to seriously start thinking about marketing our school again, refresh our minds about marketing our school and community.

Mr. Phillips wanted to thank Mr. Adam Taylor and the bus drivers for their work and input concerning the new Transportation handbooks.

Mr. Phillips also wants to remind the Board that Mr. Byrn and Caston’s Senior High Band will be presenting at the IMEC Convention on Saturday, January 21, 2012.

Adjournment: Mr. Cress moved, seconded by Mr. Herd that the regular meeting be adjourned. Unanimous 5-0 Time: 8:24 P.M.

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