

June 27, 2012
Regular Session
Board Meeting

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Regular Session to order at 7:07 pm. The meeting was held at Knightstown High School located at 8149 W. US 40, Knightstown, IN 46148. Those in attendance were:

Attendance:

- **Board Members:** Wade Beatty, Steve Dalton, Leah Kopp, Kevin Knott, Melissa Toth, Timothy Wehr
- **Central Office Staff:** Amy Rauch, Superintendent; Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant; Stephanie Madison, Corporation Treasurer
- **Administrators:** Scott Ritchie, Steve Wherry, Chris Bundy, Danielle Carmichael
- **Media:** Knightstown Banner, New Castle Courier Times
- **Patrons:** Approximately 18 patrons

OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

2.01 – Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

2.02 - Call to Order/Roll Call

The Board President called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Roll call was taken by Board Secretary and noted six members were present; Mark Fort was not in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.01 – Adoption of Agenda for the June 27, 2012 Regular Meeting

Amy Rauch, Superintendent asked to table the IREAD presentation. Kevin Knott moved to adopt the agenda as amended with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion Carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.01 – Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2012 and May 16, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Timothy Wehr requested amendments to the April 18, 2012 minutes. After discussion regarding wording Leah Kopp moved to approve minutes as amended with a second by Melissa Toth. Motion carried 6-0. Timothy Wehr moved to approve May 16, 2012 minutes as presented with a second by Melissa Toth. Motion carried 6-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOGNITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.01 – Letters of Appreciation

The Superintendent read two appreciation letters from School Board Scholarship winners from 2012 and 2008; David Warwick and Joseph Haase respectively. She also announced the dates and times of the corporation wide registration dates.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.01 – Approval of Bills for June 27, 2012

6.02 – Approval of Financial Reports for time period ending May 31, 2012

6.03 – Approval of field trip request from football coach – Illinois State University

6.04 – Approval of field trip request from KHS History Club – Springfield, IL

6.05 – Approval of field trip request from FFA – Overnight to Trafalgar, IN

6.06 – Approval of field trip request from Spanish Club – Puerto Rico

6.07 – Acceptance of monetary donation to CAB from Johnson-Melloh

6.08 – Acceptance of monetary donation to Kennard Elementary from Kennard PTO

6.09 – Approval of Personnel Report for June 27, 2012 (attached) Superintendent stated the

6.09.1 Reduction in Force would be tabled until next month.

Timothy Wehr moved to approve the consent agenda as presented by the Superintendent. Kevin Knott gave a second and the motion carried 6-0. After approval the Superintendent named James Gorman as Head Custodian at Carthage Elementary and Danielle Carmichael as the new principal for Carthage and Kennard Elementary Schools. Danielle stated she was excited and very happy to be leading an elementary building where she began her educational career.

INSTRUCTION –

7.01 – Textbook Adoption-Miscellaneous Textbooks K-12

Superintendent gave a recommendation for textbook adoption. Melissa Toth moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0. Melissa Toth stated she was excited to see Physics on the curriculum for next school year and she thanked Scott Ritchie and Steve Wherry for their hard work to place this class in the schedule.

7.02 – School Fees K-12 for 2012-2013

The Superintendent gave a recommendation of textbook fees that were presented by the building principals. It was mentioned that some fees show a reduction from last school year. With no further discussion, Melissa Toth moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.

INSTRUCTION – HEARINGS

10.01 – The Superintendent stated to comply with the requirements to the Children’s Internet Protection Act and under the new law; school districts must update their Internet Safety policies on or before July 1, 2012. The policy must provide the education of minors about appropriate online behavior, which includes interaction with other individuals on social networking sites and chat rooms, and cyber bullying awareness and response. I have sent to the principals the Indiana Code that addresses Internet Safety, and I will ensure we are meeting the code. On our corporation web page under links is a page on Cyber Safety created by Brian Woods, Technology Director with video links and curriculum that addresses the new law. On this site

are also our current student Acceptable Use Policy and a Revised student Acceptable Use Policy. Wade Beatty thanked Brian Woods for his time in preparing these items.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION ITEMS

11.01 – Resolution of the Fiscal Body of Approving the Request for a Loan from the State General Fund

The Superintendent reported the House Enrolled Act 1072 contained the language for the prospective fix to the Capital Project Fund maximum rate cap and the ability for those with Capital Project Fund losses as a result of the current formula to obtain an interest free loan from the State of Indiana. This loan will be paid from our 2013 Debt Service Fund. Due to this change, the 2012 Maximum Levy for our Capital Projects Fund should have been \$792,165 when our Certified Levy was actually \$757,117. The resolution presented is the difference between the amounts. Wade Beatty moved to approve the resolution with a second by Melissa Toth. After some discussion, motion carried 6-0.

11.02 – Additional Appropriations

The Corporation Treasurer recommended that due to additional expenses incurred at Knightstown High School for repairs and limited additional appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund budget, a request for additional appropriations with the Department of Local Government Finance. Timothy Wehr moved to approve the request with a second by Wade Beatty. After some discussion, motion carried 6-0.

11.03 – Food Service Lunch Price Increase for 2012-2013

The Superintendent reported that according to Sarah Kenworthy, RD, CD at the IDOE School & Community Nutrition, the requirement for lunch prices should be \$2.51. The corporation can only increase the price by ten cents maximum per year. The recommendation from the Food Service Director is to increase prices at the elementary, intermediate and high school level by ten cents. That would bring the cost of a student lunch to \$2.10, \$2.30 and \$2.35 respectively. Kevin Knott moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.

11.04 – Nomination of Board Member as Ex-Officio Member to Knightstown Park and Recreation Board

The Board President stated the Town of Knightstown as requested the School Board of Trustees to appoint a member to the Knightstown Park Board. Wade Beatty moved to approve the appointment of Kevin Knott to serve on the board. Leah Kopp gave the second. After some discussion the motion to approve Kevin Knott to serve on the Park Board until January 2013 carried 5-0-1 with Kevin Knott abstaining for obvious reasons.

11.05 – Board Reorganization and Revised Election Law

The meeting was turned over to David Day, school attorney. He stated the election laws have changed with school board elections occurring in November instead of May. He provided a resolution to reorganize the board and adopt the reorganization that occurred on July 15, 2011 until January 2013 and including the reappointment of Stephanie Madison as corporation treasurer until the board reorganization in January 2013. After some discussion, Melissa Toth moved to accept the resolution provided by David Day with a second by Kevin Knott. There was must discussion. The motion to accept the resolution with the exception of a meeting time and date carried 4-2 with Steve Dalton and Timothy Wehr casting the negative votes. The next regular meeting will be held July 18, 2012 where new meeting dates and times will be decided.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – REPORTS

13.01 – House Enrolled Act #1149

The Superintendent stated that effective July 1, 2012 an owner, operator, manager, or official in charge of a public place of employment shall post conspicuous signs at each public entrance that reads “State Law Prohibits Smoking within 8 feet of this Entrance” or other similar language. Facilities Director has taken the lead on getting signs and placing them appropriately on each building in the corporation.

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS

15.01 – Board Members opportunity to speak

There were no board members wishing to speak.

HEARING OF VISITORS

16.01 – Hearing of Visitors

John Swartz, Knightstown, IN – Stated he listens to the radio about kids failing reading. He also stated if the internet is correct, CAB third graders recently took a test were 95 students passed and 15 failed. He believes this is a crime in his opinion. He said there were lots of folks in Knightstown who would be willing to donate their time to help these kids read. He would be willing to donate his time and help. The Board President thanked him for volunteering and asked him to contact the Superintendent.

Ron Short, Business Address is Knightstown, IN – Stated he could not hear previous patrons using the microphone and then stated the new policy on visitor comments as being pretty restrictive and hoped this board was not reverting back to past boards and allowed visitors to express their opinions.

Rodney Schmidt, Knightstown, IN – Stated he was the husband of Jena and would not be billing the corporation for his professional services this evening. He also stated he would not charge tonight nor has he ever charged the corporation for his services even though some board members have questioned how much he has been paid for his services in the past.

Don Scheumann, Carthage, IN – Commented on the no-smoking signs and suggested that as gas prices are decreasing, he asked if the board has thought about locking in a rate. He also stated he realized it would be a risk and didn't know if the corporation had the funds or facility to store fuel. He wanted to provide a couple items for thoughts. Kevin Knott asked if the Superintendent could look into some of these suggestions and Wade Beatty stated she was taking notes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

17.01 – Announcements

The Board President stated the next meeting of the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees will convene on July 18, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Knightstown High School, 8149 W. US 40, Knightstown, IN.

ADJOURNMENT

18.01 – Adjournment of Meeting

With no further business Wade Beatty adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

PRESIDENT

MEMBER

VICE PRESIDENT

MEMBER

SECRETARY

MEMBER

MEMBER