

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Special Session to order at 6:04 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, Kevin Knott, Leah Kopp, Melissa Toth, Timothy Wehr
- **Central Office Staff:** Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant
- **Media:** Knightstown Banner, New Castle Courier Times
- **Patrons:** Approximately 5 patrons

I. Call to Order

The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Five members were present. Mark Fort was not in attendance and Kevin Knott arrived at 6:24 pm. The Pledge to the American Flag and a moment of silence was observed.

II. Review Applications

- The Board President explained the procedures to be followed during this Special Session. He also stated in an effort to honor the request for privacy from the candidates; numbers would be used in place of names. Discussion will be held on each candidate and a decision by majority vote for those candidates who will be invited back for a second interview. The goal is to narrow the scope to three. The meeting was opened for discussion.
- Melissa Toth moved to invite candidate #1 back for a second interview. Leah Kopp gave the second. Steve Dalton stated his opinions and concerns that this candidate would not relocate to the area. Timothy Wehr agreed with the assessment. With no further discussion motion failed 2-3 with Wade Beatty, Steve Dalton and Timothy Wehr casting the negative votes.
- Timothy Wehr moved to invite Candidate #2 back for a second interview. Steve Dalton gave the second. Steve Dalton stated he had this individual ranked as top choice. This individual showed enthusiasm, integrity and leadership. Leah Kopp stated this candidate told the board they did not adapt very well to change and this was an ever changing position and the statement was a concern for her. Wade Beatty agreed with parts of the discussion. He stated he will go back to a concern raised by Steve Dalton for the previous candidate that this individual would not relocate to the district as they live in close proximity. Timothy Wehr said he believes longevity and close proximity to the district should be strongly considered. He also believes the community is interested in having a superintendent close so they can be a part of the community. With no further discussion, motion carried 3-2 with Leah Kopp and Melissa Toth casting the negative votes.
- Wade Beatty moved to invite candidate #3 back for a second interview. There was no second. Motion died.
- Wade Beatty moved to invite candidate #4 back for a second interview. There was no second. Motion died.

- Melissa Toth moved to invite candidate #5 back for a second interview. Steve Dalton gave the second. Steve Dalton stated he liked this individual and the candidate stated they would relocate to the area. With no further discussion, motion carried 5-0.
- Wade Beatty moved to invite candidate #6 back for a second interview. Leah Kopp gave the second. Wade Beatty stated he was impressed by the candidate's curriculum knowledge and seemed very articulate. This is also a candidate willing to relocate. Steve Dalton agreed with the statements and Leah Kopp stated he was also a fiscal manager and his approach was very conservative. Kevin Knott arrived during the discussion and stated he was familiar with the candidate. With no further discussion, motion carried 6-0.
- Wade Beatty moved to invite candidate #7 back for a second interview. There was no second. Motion died.

III. Other

Wade Beatty informed the Board that Don Scheumann has had a death in his family and asked to keep the family in your thoughts. He stated he would contact each candidate approved for an invitation for second interview.

There was discussion regarding availability for second interviews. Wade Beatty would escort each candidate around the district then a more formal interview would take place later in the evening. Final details will be determined at a later time. Available dates discussed were March 26, 27 & 28, 2012. Wade Beatty will e-mail confirmations to the Board. He asked each member to contact references and visit the districts to gather information on the candidates after the second round of interviews.

IV. Adjournment – With no further business to come before the Board, Wade Beatty moved to adjourn at 6:38 pm.

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