

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Regular Session to order at 7:18 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, Mark Fort, Leah Kopp, Kevin Knott, Melissa Toth, Timothy Wehr
- **Central Office Staff:** Don Scheumann, Interim Superintendent; Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant; Stephanie Madison, Corporation Treasurer
- **Administrators:** Scott Ritchie, Shirley Heck
- **Media:** Knightstown Banner, New Castle Courier Times
- **Patrons:** Approximately 15 patrons

I. Call to Order

The Board President called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm. All members were present. The Pledge to the American Flag and a moment of silence was observed.

II. Minutes

The minutes from January 18, 2012 were previously submitted for board approval. Leah Kopp moved to accept the minutes as presented with a second by Kevin Knott. Amendments were requested from Steve Dalton so Leah Kopp rescinded original motion and then moved to table minutes to bring back amended minutes next meeting. Mark Fort gave the second and the motion carried 7-0.

III. Claims

Steve Dalton gave the financial report and then moved to accept the claims as previously submitted. Timothy Wehr gave the second and the motion carried 7-0.

IV. Public Expression

- There were no public comments.

V. Old Business –

- Board Policies – The following policies were presented for approval on first reading. After much discussion Timothy Wehr moved to table the three policies until next meeting. Steve Dalton gave the second and the motion carried 7-0.
 - #8600 – Transportation
 - #9150 – School Visitors

- #9160 – Public Attendance at School Events
- Tax Anticipation Warrants – The Interim Superintendent informed the Board one sealed bid was received by the deadline. He and the Corporation Treasurer recommended awarding the bid to Mainsource Bank. Kevin Knott moved to accept the recommendation with a second by Leah Kopp. After some discussion regarding information received from State Board of Accounts and Bond Counsel the motion carried 7-0.

VI. New Business

- IREAD Presentation – Shirley Heck gave a presentation on the IREAD Assessment that will be administered to grade three students beginning this year. There was some discussion and questions from the Board. Wade Beatty, President then thanked her for the presentation.
- KHS HVAC Agreement – The Interim Superintendent presented a report and update on the status of the HVAC system at Knightstown High School. The report noted there was a lack of upkeep on the system. The Superintendent then said it seemed apparent the corporation has some catching up to do on the HVAC systems, and after some exploring he located a report Dr. Storie had acquired that confirmed the system had been under-serviced and had never utilized the automatic feature. Siemens had provided a quote to get the system running properly and as designed. He went through the quote with the Board. He also stated most of the cost should be recovered over time in energy savings alone. Additionally, Siemens has proposed a three year service contract. There was much discussion and Steve Dalton requested that Johnson-Melloh be contacted for a second opinion. Wade Beatty asked for an additional report and Kevin Knott asked that each report include specific savings.
- KIS Football Stadium – The Interim Superintendent informed the Board that Indiana Insurance had presented the Board with a report stating the football stadium at Knightstown Intermediate School was not a safe facility for crowds. Indiana Insurance had deemed the facility an ‘attractive nuisance’ and would not allow the corporation to hold any games at the stadium. He then said that Russell Spiker had volunteered himself and his staff to dismantle the bleachers during regular business hours and send the materials to recycling. Don Scheumann recommended the stadium be dismantled and disposed of properly. Melissa Toth approved the recommendation with a second by Kevin Knott. After some discussion, Kevin Knott amended the motion to include the recommendation stems from a report from the corporation insurance carrier. The final motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation based on a request from Indiana Insurance to dismantle and remove the bleachers from that facility. Motion was amended and carried 7-0.
- Personnel Reassignments – Don Scheumann, Interim Superintendent presented two recommendations. The first is for the addition of an instructional assistant in Carthage Elementary based on the need for an ADA accommodation. The second is to enhance the coverage and valuable assistance to the Transportation Coordinator, he requests that the department be restructured to establish a Mechanic/Grounds Assistant. A job description was also presented. Mark Fort questioned the supervision of this position and the Interim

Superintendent stated this position would fall under the direction of the Transportation Coordinator and then the building principal. Some recommendations to change the job description were included. Discussion then flowed into procedures and recommendations of criminal history checks. Mark Fort requested all criminal histories that showed any convictions be taken to the Board for review. Wade Beatty and Melissa Toth both stated that this was a policy issue and not in this context. Wade Beatty then stated that discussion should be about a policy and not a part of a job description and steered the discussion back to what was on the table. Leah Kopp moved to accept the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent and establish these two positions, including changes to the job description. Timothy Wehr gave the second and motion carried 6-1 with Mark Fort casting the negative vote.

- Agriculture Business Plan – The Agriculture teacher presented the Board with a Business Plan that states how the farm ground is being used and a plan on how the Agriculture Department plans to use the proceeds. The teacher is also requesting the use of the ground for another year. Steve Dalton asked to see a long term plan that would include figures on her goals and plans for the future. Kevin Knott asked that information be provided along the way and stated he appreciated the forward thinking and foresight of this group. Mark Fort moved to allow the FFA/Agriculture Department to use the farm ground again this year. Steve Dalton gave the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Field Trips – There were two field trips to go before the Board, Mark Fort moved to approve FFA to go to Wilmington Ohio for a competition on February 22, 2012 with a second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 7-0. Kevin Knott moved to approve the Robotics Team to travel to Purdue University overnight for a Regional Competition from March 14, 2012 through March 17, 2012. Mark Fort gave the second and the motion carried 7-0.

VII. Personnel – See Book

- Resignations/Retirements/Terminations
 - There were no personnel items in this category.
- New Hires
 - Bill Garris – KIS Title I Aide
 - Carolyn Hittle – KIS Special Education Aide
 - Linda Cavaletto – KIS Line Cook
 - Kevin Hiner – Mechanic/Grounds Assistant
 - Alice Bogemann – Bus Aide
 - Lane Fields – Assistant Bus Aide
 - Ronald Beavers – Substitute Bus Driver
- ECA Appointments
 - Robert Allen – Boys Golf Coach - \$2868
 - Joshua Mason – Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach - \$2879
 - Jordan Bearhope - Volunteer Baseball Coach
 - Tyler Roberts – Junior High Boys Track Coach - \$1733

- Joseph Peggs – Volunteer Junior High Boys Track Coach
- Other
 - There were no other positions to come before the board.

Timothy Wehr moved to approve all Employment and ECA appointments recommended and listed above. Leah Kopp gave the second and motion carried 6-1 with Mark Fort casting the negative vote.

VIII. Superintendent Report -

- Financial Reports were presented to the Board for their review. – Don Scheumann stated the financial reports were all included in each member’s packet. Steve Dalton wanted to publically acknowledge Stephanie Madison’s strong abilities and good job in her position as Corporation Treasurer. He also encouraged corporation employees to watch their spending. Steve Dalton also gave an acknowledgement to Gary Storie for leading the corporation through budget cuts without and a reduction of teaching staff. Wade Beatty stated 2012 will be our tightest year and Dr. Storie did a good job at getting the corporation prepared for this.
- ISBA Communication – Communication was included in the board packet.
- Annual Performance Report – This report was included for informational purposes.
- Other – Interim Superintendent, Don Scheumann brought policy #5113.01-School Attendance Boundaries and Open Enrollment before the board. He recommended adjusting the due date for transfer requests to better reflect the balanced calendar. He also addressed the need for students to be aware of this policy and follow the appropriate timelines. Wade Beatty moved to accept the changes on first reading with a second from Timothy Wehr. With no discussion, motion carried 7-0.
- Don Scheumann is asking for assistance. He informed the Board that the Access to Public Records Act is very complicated and he is overwhelmed with requests from The Banner. Don requested permission to seek advice or forward future requests to legal counsel for processing. He wanted the Board to understand his need for assistance in this area. His main concern is to keep the corporation and himself out of legal problems. Melissa Toth moved to approve his request with a second from Timothy Wehr. After much discussion, motion carried 7-0.

IX. Public Expression –

- Tom Crawford, 6255 W. US 40, Knightstown – He asked at a previous meeting what the estimate would be for the attorney to go through e-mails that had been denied. The Superintendent stated the estimated cost is \$1,000-\$1,500. Mr. Crawford then stated that according to Steve Dalton, the corporation is running on slim funds. He believes there are two rights being addressed. One is freedom of the press and the second is to provide the best education to our students. Tom Crawford stated that he will always side with the students. He then stated an exorbitant amount of money is being spent on record requests. While subbing he also saw teachers scavenging for paper, and also noted some teachers do not have enough work stations. He wanted to say that every hour a school employee spends on records is money not

going to students. He then asked The Banner to only request what they needed and not to go on a fishing expedition, so that needed supplies could be purchased for the students.

X. Board Comments:

- Kevin Knott – Wanted to congratulate our staff for their efforts. He looked up area schools graduation rate and wanted to make sure all were aware our percentage was above the state average. He commended the high school for their increased percentage in multiple areas. Kevin Knott also wanted to encourage our staff to continue what they are doing and work toward always moving forward and that he appreciated their efforts.
- Mark Fort – Stated he did not receive his board packet for the fifth time. He stated they are being sent certified with return receipt and he received this latest packet yesterday at 4:00 pm. He wanted packets to be placed in ‘regular mail’. He also stated that this was ridiculous and unacceptable. Mark Fort also stated he thinks if any board member has a question of another member they have a duty to return a call.

XI. Adjournment – With no further business to come before the Board, Steve Dalton moved to adjourn at 8:33 pm

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