

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Special Session to order at 6:00 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, Mark Fort, Kevin Knott, Leah Kopp, Melissa Toth, Timothy Wehr
- **Central Office Staff:** Gary Storie, Superintendent; Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant; Stephanie Madison, Corporation Treasurer
- **Media:** Knightstown Banner
- **Patrons:** Approximately 2 patrons

I. Call to Order

The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Six members were present; Steve Dalton was not in attendance. The Pledge to the American Flag and a moment of silence was observed.

II. Budget Workshop

The Board President called the budget workshop to order. The Superintendent presented the Board with a prepared budget and informed the board of its contents. He also included a copy of the approved 2011 budget. He explained some of the components on the budget and stated adoption would need to take place in October. He said one unknown variable was the assessed evaluation. He reiterated one reason the corporation would advertise high is to account for a fluctuation in the assessed evaluation. He anticipates a reduction in both Capital Projects (CPF) and Transportation Funds. He expects a reduction in CPF of approximately \$100,000 and Transportation reduction of approximately \$50,000. He would like to advertise a budget in the amount of \$9.3 million; however expects a budget to be returned from the Department of Local Government and Finance closer to \$8.7 or \$8.8 million. A patron asked what the estimated indebtedness would be at the end of the year. The Superintendent stated approximately \$300,000. There was some discussion regarding salary increases as well as transportation expenditures. The discussion continued on Capital Projects and how those funds may be utilized. He explained the purpose of this session was to review the budget and receive permission to advertise. He expects a public hearing on October 5, 2011 with adoption to occur during the regular session on October 19, 2011.

III. Permission to Advertise Budget

The Board President asked if there were other questions or comments. The Superintendent clarified questions and procedures for the debt service payments. Wade Beatty moved to grant permission to advertise the proposed budget with second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Other

The Superintendent informed the board of the large enrollment of kindergarten students at Knightstown Elementary School. He also advocated for an instructional assistant for that grade level at an hourly rate of \$7.50. He stated the corporation generates an additional \$15,000 per student because of our full day program in addition to the \$2500 per student from basic grant supplied by the state. There was some discussion. Kevin Knott moved to approve the additional of an Instructional Assistant for kindergarten for this school year only. A second was given by Mark Fort. After more discussion, Timothy Wehr moved to amend to revisit the issue at semester. No second was given, therefore motion died. Original motion carried 6-0.

The Superintendent informed the board that a variety of measures have been tried in an effort to assist the Transportation Coordinator with clerical duties. We have attempted to avoid replacing the vacated position; however, nothing has proved effective. Therefore, he recommends the employment of Tracy Fields to work in Athletics and Transportation. Her rate of pay will be \$9.58 per hour for a term of 11 months per year. Mark Fort moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.

V. Public Comment – There were no comments from the community.

VI. Board Comment – There were no board comments.

VII. Adjournment

With no further business Kevin Knott moved to adjourn at 6:54 pm.

PRESIDENT

MEMBER

VICE PRESIDENT

MEMBER

SECRETARY

MEMBER

MEMBER