

September 10, 2013
Special Session
Board Meeting

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Special Session to order at 7:00 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, Kevin Knott, Gerald Leonard, Don Scheumann, Jena Schmidt, Michelle White
- **Central Office Staff:** Joe Backmeyer, Interim Superintendent; Erin Riggle, Deputy Treasurer
- **Administrators:** none in attendance
- **Media:** Knightstown Banner, Courier Times
- **Patrons:** Approximately 2 patrons

OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

1.01 – Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

1.02 - Call to Order/Roll Call

The Board President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken and it was noted that all members were present.

BOARD VACANCY

Mr. Beatty stated that the purpose of the meeting is to address the issue regarding the motion by Mrs. Toth for Thomas Schaetzle to be appointed to the board for the Greensboro Township vacancy. He added that the board can reverse their decision and post the vacancy for appointment at a later date or the board can adopt to suspend the policy regarding board vacancies and allow the decision to proceed.

Mr. Knott made the motion to rescind the vote on August 20 and accept written letters of interest to the administration office for the Greensboro Township vacancy, which runs through December 31, 2014. Letters of interest will be accepted from noon Wednesday, September 11, 2013 until noon Tuesday, September 24, 2013. Vacancy notice will be sent to the Courier Times, the Rushville Republican, and the Knightstown Banner, with the notice running in the daily publications at least twice per week between now and the end of the deadline. Information will also be posted on the school website and be available at the central office. Candidates will be directed to the voter registration office at the Henry County Courthouse for further questions. The school board will meet September 24 to interview candidates and make a decision. Second by Mrs. White. Mr. Leonard, Mrs. Schmidt, and Mr. Scheumann agreed that the motion needs to be broken down. Motion failed with a vote of 2-4 with Wade Beatty, Gerald Leonard, Don Scheumann and Jena Schmidt casting the negative votes.

Mr. Knott moved to rescind the vote on August 20 regarding the board vacancy appointment for Greensboro Township and to vote on each item separately. Second by Mrs. White. Mr. Beatty stated

that he believes the board made the right decision last month. Motion carried 5-1 with Wade Beatty casting the negative votes.

Mr. Knott moved to advertise the vacancy notice in the three listed papers (Courier Times, Rushville Republican, and Knightstown Banner), with the notice submitted to the papers by noon, September 11, 2013. Information will also be posted on the school website and be available at the central office. Letters of interest will be accepted until noon, September 24, 2013 from anyone interested in filling the Greensboro Township vacancy. Candidates should be directed to the Henry County Voter Registration office for further questions. Mrs. Schmidt and Mr. Leonard were concerned about the costs for publishing twice in each paper. Mr. Knott amended his motion to include that the vacancy notice will be submitted to the above mentioned publications for advertisement, provided that there is no substantial cost to the corporation. However, if there is a substantial cost, he would ask that the papers publicize the information as a news story. Second by Mrs. White. Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. White moved to set the special meeting for September 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the KHS Media Center in order to interview candidates for the Greensboro Township vacancy. Second by Mr. Beatty. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Beatty adjourned at 7:48 pm.

PRESIDENT

MEMBER

VICE PRESIDENT

MEMBER

SECRETARY

MEMBER

MEMBER