

February, 18, 2014  
Regular Session  
Board Meeting

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Regular 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, Tom Schaetzle, and Michelle White
- **Central Office Staff:** Joe Backmeyer, Interim Superintendent, Stephanie Madison, Corp. Treasurer and Carol Robertson, Central Office Assistant
- **Administrators:** Jed Behny, Danielle Carmichael, Karen Gardner, and Scott Ritchie
- **Media:** Knightstown Banner, The Courier Times
- **Patrons:** Approximately 15 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 7:08 pm. Roll call was taken and it was noted that John Swartz was not present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.01 Adoption of Agenda for the Feb. 18, 2014 Regular Meeting

Wade Beatty explained to the board that he has received 2 additional items after the board packets had all ready been sent out to the board members. The new items are 11.01 and 11.02. Tom Schaetzle made the motion to adopt the agenda with the additional items. Michelle White gave the second. Motion carried 6 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.01 Approval of Minutes from Jan. 21, 2013 Regular Session and Jan. 14, 2014 Special Session.

Gerald Leonard moved to approve the minutes from the Jan. 21, 2014 Regular Session and the Jan. 14, 2014 Special Session. Michelle White gave a second. Motion carried 6 to 0.

Superintendent's Recognitions/Announcements

4.01 Newsletters

Joe Backmeyer mentioned that the newsletters were very well prepared and thanked the Knightstown staff for clearing the snow and keeping our staff safe. He also told everyone about the transition team formed to help with decisions in preparing to close Kennard and Carthage Elementaries. He said this team was made up of our building administrators, food service director,

technology director, transportation director, athletic director, school nurse and himself. He told how after each meeting he will send a summary of each meeting to the staff and school board members so they will know what took place. He also had a facility transition calendar of the process that will be taking place month by month and discussed the ideas that will be taking place as we move forward in closing Kennard and Carthage.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 Approval of Bills for Feb. 18, 2014
- 5.02 Approval of Financial Reports for the Time Period Ending January, 31, 2014
- 5.03 Protected Taxes Memo
- 5.04 Approval of Personnel Report for Feb. 18, 2014
- 5.05 Field Trip – Robotic Club to Purdue for Boilermaker Regional/Overnight

Stephanie Madison read the claims and financial reports. She also explained the Protected Taxes Memo. There was discussion about the cost to our schools.

Joe Backmeyer read the personnel report.

Wade Beatty tells about the Robotic Field Trip to Purdue. Don Scheumann brings up the concern of paying a bus driver for this trip. The board discusses options for the trip with a mini bus staying to shuttle students instead of a full size bus and driver.

Kevin Knott motions to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Tom Schaetzle seconds the motion. The motion carries 6-0.

## INSTRUCTION- ACTION ITEMS

- 6.01 Wavier of Instructional Days

Joe Backmeyer tells that we have been granted the wavier for one day, but we have several days to make up. The days we have already made up are Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> and President's Day, Feb. 17. Also, we are scheduled to make up 4 days the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Spring Break, which will leave us 3 other days to make up. The Indiana Dept. of Education has provided a wavier which we can apply for if the corporation determines we can restructure our school day to make up for the loss of instructional time. He tells about the all call sent out to parents about the survey on the website and the responses sent by email to building principals and himself. He tells about a schedule of adding 20 minutes over a period of 54 days. Students would be picked up at the same bus schedule; they would just simply have a 20 minute longer day with buses picking them up 20 minutes later for the afternoon trip home. The board discussed the responses and Jed Behny told how the 20 minutes would be applied at his building. It was noted that winter was not over yet and there may still be the need to use days at the end of the school year. At this point we are still out 4 days before graduation.

Kevin Knott motioned to approve the Resolution for the Conditional Wavier of Penalty for the Loss of Instruction Days with a modified school calendar. Gerald Leonard seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

## INSTRUCTION- DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 7.1

## INSTRUCTION- REPORTS

### 8.01

## INSTRUCTION – Hearings

### 9.01

## BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION ITEMS

### 10.01 Cancellation of Old Checks

### 10.02 Indiana Dept. Homeland Security/2015 Secured Schools Safety Grant Program

### 10.03 Knightstown Chamber of Commerce

### 10.04 Emergency Allocation

Stephanie Madison explains the Cancellation of Old Checks.

Michelle White motions to approve the cancellation of old checks by the Corporation Treasurer. Don Scheumann seconds the motion and the motion carries 6-0.

Joe Backmeyer explains that Jed Behny has put a lot of time into the Secured Schools Safety Grant Program. Jed Behny explains the grant program and how it affects our schools. Brian Woods also answered questions. After much discussion, Wade Beatty motioned to apply for the maximum \$100,000.00 for the School Safety Grant. Don Scheumann seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

Joe Backmeyer tells of the letter from the Knightstown Chamber Of Commerce inviting the School Corporation to become a member. Mr. Backmeyer said there is a membership fee of \$25 for the school Corporation. Wade Beatty motions to join the Knightstown Chamber of Commerce. Gerald Leonard seconds the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Stephanie Madison explains the Emergency Allocation needed for an electrical issue after a storm at Kennard Elementary. The allowance is \$20,000.00 for the year. The Emergency Allocation would be for \$5000 to pay our insurance deductible. Wade Beatty motioned to use \$5000 out of the Emergency Capitol Projects Fund to cover the deductible of the damage at Kennard Elementary. Tom Schaetzle seconds the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

## BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Discussion Items

### 11.01 ISBA Announcement of Resolution

Wade Beatty tells about the added items. He tells of the Governor's plan to eliminate the Business Personal Property tax. He notes that the loss to the Corporation could be \$200,000.00. He would like to sign and adopt the resolution opposing the legislation and send it to the Legislative Body. Gerald Leonard motions to approve the Resolution to appose the Business Personal Property Tax Elimination. Kevin Knott seconds the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

### 11.02 Appointment to Parks and Recreation Board

Wade Beatty explains the next added item. He explains that in the January meeting the board tabled making an appointment to the Parks and Recreational Board until they were able to get more information. He said that the person does not have to be a school board member. Clyde South, Town

Board President contacted Mr. Beatty and recommended Anna Wyatt to be appointed to the Parks Board. It would be just as the appointment to the Library Board. After much discussion Kevin Knott motioned to appoint Anna Wyatt to the Parks and Recreational Board for one year. Tom Schaetzle seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

#### BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Reports

12.01

#### BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Hearings

13.01

#### HEARING OF VISITORS

##### 14.01 Opportunity for Community to Speak

Jim Hope, 1851 W. Hwy 40, Knightstown. Mr. Hope had questions about making up the lost instructional days. Joe Backmeyer replied to his questions. There weren't any other community members wanting to speak at this time.

#### BOARD REPORTS/REQUEST

##### 15.01 Opportunity for Board to Speak

Don Scheumann talks about the Department of Education. He wants to remind everyone to write their congressmen and women about the issues with education. (Preschool funding, charter schools, etc.)

Kevin Knott thanks the administration and staff in this difficult winter weather for all their efforts. He also asked about ISTEPS being delayed because of the winter weather.

Gerald Leonard thanks Jane Rodgers for her 17 years in education, and wishes her well in her new endeavors.

Wade Beatty thanks Jed Beatty for his work with the Safety Grant Program, and acknowledges the birth of Mr. Behny's twins.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

16.01

#### ADJOURNMENT

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##### 17.01 Adjournment of Meeting

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Beatty adjourned at 8:19 pm.

*Wade Arzetta*

PRESIDENT

*Gerald W Leonard*

MEMBER

*Joe S*

VICE PRESIDENT

*John Swartz*

MEMBER

*Kevin Knott*

SECRETARY

*Michelle S. White*

MEMBER

*Thomas Slag*

MEMBER