

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, Tom Schaetzle, Don Scheumann, Jena Schmidt, and Michelle White.
- **Central Office Staff:** Joe Backmeyer, Interim Superintendent, Stephanie Madison, Corp. Treasurer and Carol Robertson, Central Office Assistant
- **Administrators:** Jane Rodgers, Scott Ritchie.
- **Media:** Knightstown Banner
- **Patrons:** Approximately 40 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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- 2.01 Adoption of Agenda for the Dec. 17, 2013 Regular Meeting

Jena Schmidt made the motion to adopt the agenda. Gerald Leonard gave the second. The motion carried 7 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.01 Approval of Minutes from Nov. 19, 2013 Regular Session

Michelle White moved to approve the minutes from the Nov. 19, 2013 Regular Session. Kevin Knott gave a second. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Superintendent's Recognitions/Announcements

- 4.01 Student Recognitions
- 4.02 Dairy and Nutrition Grant
- 4.03 Report from Mr. Ritchie
- 4.04 Newsletters

Mr. Backmeyer asked Mr. Ritchie to do the honors of announcing and honoring the KHS Cheerleaders for winning their State Competition. Jana Burton, cheerleader coach helped announce the girls, and a picture was taken with the board members.

Mr. Backmeyer presented the Dairy and Nutrition Grant to the board. He was please that Tracy Smith, corporation nurse, had gotten a grant for \$8125.75. Mr. Beatty stated that a motion was needed to approve the grant. Tom Schaetzle motioned to receive the money from the grant, a second was made by Michelle White. The motion carried 7-0. Also, Mr. Backmeyer mentioned that we had received \$12,800 from the FUTP 360 Grant, which would be divided with KEN, CES, KES, & KIS.

Mr. Ritchie reported on the twitter account from KHS with a power point presentation on how he uses the account to communicate with his students.

Finally, Mr. Backmeyer commented on the newsletters in the packet and talked about the Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> community meeting that was held at the KHS auditorium.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 Approval of Bills for Dec. 17, 2013
- 5.02 Approval of Financial Reports for the Time Period Ending Nov. 30, 2013
- 5.03 Summary of Budget Approval
- 5.04 Rainy Day Appropriation
- 5.04 Approval of Personnel Report for Dec. 17, 2013

Stephanie Madison read the financial reports and pointed out the budget summary. There was much discussion and questions by the board with Mrs. Madison on the budget. She also made a recommendation to hold onto the funds in the Rainy Day account. Kevin Knott motioned to retain the Rainy Day Funds. The motion was seconded by Tom Schaetzle. The motion carried 7-0. There were many questions about the deficit of the general fund.

Mr. Backmeyer read the items on the personnel report. Gerald Leonard moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jena Schmidt gave the second. Motion carried 7 to 0.

#### INSTRUCTION- ACTION ITEMS

- 6.01

#### INSTRUCTION- DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 7.01

#### INSTRUCTION- REPORTS

- 8.01

#### INSTRUCTION- HEARINGS

- 9.01

#### BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION ITEMS

- 10.01 Board Vacancy
- 10.02 Insurance Renewal
- 10.03 Public Meetings
- 10.04 Tax Anticipation Warrants

- 10.05 State Board of Accounts Resolution
- 10.06 Year End Account Reconciliation
- 10.07 Disposal of Assets
- 10.08 Grant Approval

Wade Beatty explained that we have two individuals that sent in letters of intent for the Wayne Township Board Seat vacated by Leah Kopp. This position would start Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> and run through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The board proceeded to interview its' two candidates, Ralph Hecht and John Swartz. After a series of questions and answers, Gerald Leonard motioned to appoint John Swartz to the Wayne Township Board Seat. Don Scheumann seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1, with Jena Schmidt abstaining and Michelle White casting the negative vote. John Swartz was approved for the Wayne Township board seat. Mr. Swartz will be sworn in on January 14, 2014.

Joe Backmeyer explains the Insurance Renewal with Leaky Insurance Company. Mr. Backmeyer recommended accepting the Insurance Renewal of \$181,822.00. Kevin Knott motioned to accept recommendation of Mr. Backmeyer. Michelle White seconded the motion. There was some discussion of insurance coverage. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Beatty explained the public meetings and reminded the board of having the second meeting in the early morning or afternoon. He recommends that the meeting is held at 10:00 AM with hopefully helping out those who work shifts that couldn't attend an evening meeting. Kevin Knott had concerns with the thought of having an alternative date in case school would be closed on that date. It was agree that if school is closed because of bad weather that the meeting would be rescheduled. The next meeting will be January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 PM in the KHS auditorium.

Stephanie Madison, Corporation Treasure, explained the Tax Anticipation Warrants. After much discussion about tax rates, Tom Schaetzle motioned to accept the proposed Tax Anticipation Warrants for \$1,027,000 at 2.15 fixed interest due Dec. 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Gerald Leonard with the motion carried 7-0.

Stephanie Madison continued with explaining the State Board of Account Resolution on Gift Cards. Jena Schmidt motioned to accept the resolution of the State Board of Accounts for purchase of Gift Cards. Wade Beatty gave the second. Motion carried 7-0.

Wade Beatty explained that this is the last meeting of the calendar year and the treasure needs the permission of the board to allow the transfers into the appropriate accounts. Kevin Knott motioned to make the appropriate transfers to establish the balances as needed by 12/13/2014. Don Scheumann gave the second and the motion carried 7-0.

Next, a motion was needed to dispose of a broken chair at Kennard Elementary. Michelle White motioned to dispose of the broken chair, Wade Beatty gave the second. The motion carried 7-0.

Interim Superintend, Joe Backmeyer asked for board approval for a grant for the KHS P.E. Department. He explained it is an Archery Grant for equipment worth \$3100 and he felt it was worth applying for this grant. Michelle White motioned to approve the application for the grant, Don Scheumann gave a second. The motion carried 7-0. There was some discussion about the training that would be included with the Archery Grant.

## BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Discussion Items

11.01

## BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Reports

12.01

## BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Hearings

13.01

## HEARING OF VISITORS

### 14.01 Opportunity for Community to Speak

Dave Keeser, a Consultant Engineer from the Town of Carthage spoke about the Town of Carthage becoming a community partner with Charles A. Beard. He told how they would like to keep Carthage Elementary open because it is a pillar of their community and how closing Carthage Elementary would affect their community. He stated that he would be attending the Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting.

John Swartz, Knightstown, told the board that he would not be able to attend the February school board meeting because of plans.

Jeff Eakins, Knightstown Banner, explained that the school board acted prematurely to fill the vacancy. He wanted a response from the board of why they felt they needed to fill the vacancy before the seat was vacant.

## BOARD REPORTS/REQUEST

### 15.01 Opportunity for Board to Speak

Wade Beatty addressed Jeff Eakins' question. He explained to Jeff that CAB's Legal Council had told him he could fill the vacancy before the seat was vacant.

Kevin Knott thanked Mr. Backmeyer for his leadership. He had several request and questions about the building options; buildings room for growth or no room for growth, school enrollment projections for next year, options for today, tomorrow and further years down the road? He would like this information before the next board meeting, January 14.

Wade Beatty extended his appreciation to Jena Schmidt for the work and dedication to the school board.

Gerald Leonard told of the Courier Times write up on December 7th. How they gave a thumbs up to the CAB administration and school board with all the work going into the options of closing buildings. He also thanked Jena Schmidt for her time on the school board.

Don Scheumann told of examples of other school in the same condition as ours with state funding going places other than for our school. He thinks we all should stand up and do something about state sending money somewhere other than our schools. He also thanks Jena Schmidt for being on the board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

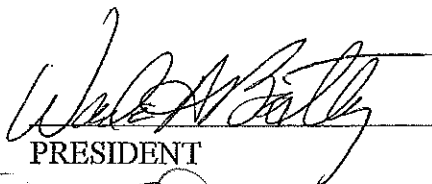
16.01 Dance Team/Harlem Globe Trotters

ADJOURNMENT

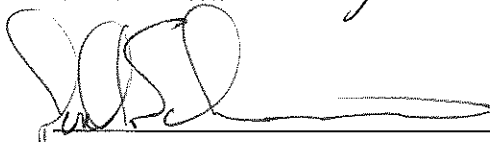
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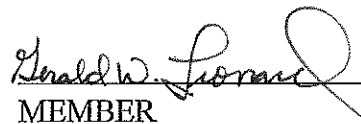
17.01 Adjournment of Meeting

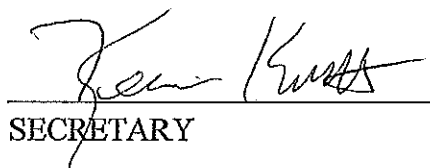
With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Beatty adjourned at 8:52 pm.

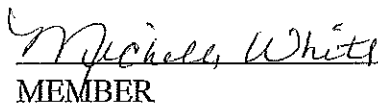
  
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