

- Nov. 19, 2013
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, Jane Rodgers, Karen Gardner, Scott Ritchie, and Steve Wherry
- **Media:** Knightstown Banner, The Courier Times
- **Patrons:** Approximately 50 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 not present. Jena Schmidt was not in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.01 Adoption of Agenda for the Nov. 19, 2013 Regular Meeting

Kevin Knott made the motion to adopt the agenda. Tom Schaetzle gave the second. Motion carried 6 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.01 Approval of Minutes from Oct. 15, 2013 Regular Session

Gerald Leonard moved to approve the minutes from the Oct. 15, 2013 Regular Session. Kevin Knott gave a second. Motion carried 6 to 0.

Superintendent's Recognitions/Announcements

4.01 Student Recognitions

4.02 Newsletters

Joe Backmeyer recognized Brennain Harper, Tyler Richardson and Zach Fields, whom all received, "All Conference Football Honors." Also, Luke Mattix and Kaleb Kinnaman received, "Honorable Mentions," for their efforts in football this year. Plus, Drew Jessup is the recipient of the

MIFC Scholarship Award. Finally, Joe Backmeyer recognized the Varsity Cheerleaders for their award at State Competition and he mentioned the newsletters.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 Approval of Bills for Nov 19, 2013
- 5.02 Approval of Financial Reports for the Time Period Ending Oct. 31, 2013
- 5.03 Approval of Personnel Report for Nov. 19, 2013
- 5.04 Field Trip – CES Super Reader Field Trip to Newport Aquarium,

Newport KY.

Stephanie Madison read the claims report. Mr. Backmeyer read the items on the personnel report. Kevin Knott moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Don Scheumann gave the second. Motion carried 6 to 0.

INSTRUCTION- ACTION ITEMS

- 6.01 Teacher Contract

Joe Backmeyer stated that the CTA ratified the agreement last week. Tom Schaetzle made a motion to approve the teacher's contract for 2013-2014 school year. Michelle White seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

INSTRUCTION- DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 7.01 Educational Facilities Report

Joe Backmeyer gave a presentation with a power point. Five options were presented for viewing and consideration. The power point presentation will be on the website Wednesday, Nov. 20th, 2013. Board members had questions for Mr. Backmeyer. Mr. Backmeyer had Kari Vilamaa answer utility cost questions. Wade Beatty thanked the administrative team and Mr. Backmeyer. Dates were discussed for public meetings, with the possibility of one evening meeting and one meeting in the afternoon or morning for those who work nights. It was stated that public input is very important. A decision was made for one meeting to be scheduled for the evening of December 3rd @ 7:00 PM with the location being moved to the KHS auditorium. Next, looking at January 7th, @ 1:00 PM, to which the Board decided to discuss the date for the second meeting in more detail at December's Board Meeting.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION ITEMS

- 10.01 Rainy Day Fund
- 10.02 Handicap Bus Lease
- 10.03 ISTA Resolution
- 10.04 Approval of Stipend

Tom Schaetzle motioned to approve the additional appropriation for the Rainy Day Fund. Gerald Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Russell Spiker spoke on leasing a handicap bus. He answered several questions from the board members. Michelle White made a motion to approve the bus lease. Don Scheumann seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

Joe Backmeyer explained the ISTA Settlement Agreements and Resolution for Payment of Legal Fees. Stephanie Madison stated that the Settlement Check would be put into the General Fund and then turned around to pay employee health insurance benefits. Kevin Knott made a motion to accept and sign the written settlement agreement. Tom Schaetzle seconded and the motion carried 6-0. Gerald Leonard motioned to approve and pay the Resolution for Legal Fees to Church, Church, Hittle, & Antrim. Don Scheumann seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Joe Backmeyer recommended that the office assistant/receptionist be paid a stipend of \$100.00 per school board meeting to prepare the school board packet, attend and take minutes of the monthly board meetings. Wade Beatty said that this was for the Central Office employee who does this, whether it is Carol, Stephanie or Anita. Wade Beatty motioned to approve the stipend, Tom Schaetzle seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Discussion Items

11.01 ACA Lawsuit

Joe Backmeyer explained the lawsuit against the IRS and Federal Agencies. The board members had much discussion on the lawsuit. Tom Schaetzle motioned to join the lawsuit. Don Scheumann seconded and the motioned carried 5-1 with Kevin Knot casting the negative vote.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Reports

12.01

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Hearings

13.01

HEARING OF VISITORS

14.01 Opportunity for Community to Speak

There wasn't anyone who spoke during this time.

BOARD REPORTS/REQUEST

15.01 Opportunity for Board to Speak

- Gerald Leonard thanked Mr. Backmeyer, administrators, and everyone who worked on the study and presentation for tonight.
- Kevin Knott stated that the Wayne Township Board Member Seat is up at the end of this year, December 31st. He would like to see the board being proactive and adhere to the board by-laws to set a time aside to take interested applications for the board seat

needing to be filled, stating that it is a 4 year term. Taking applications now would give plenty of time before the reorganizational meeting at the first of the year. He wanted to again strongly advocate that we advertise for this board seat, as was done for Tom Schaeztle. He said he had been on the school board for almost 7 1/2 years and that is how it has always been done. He wanted to make sure that the information would get out to the media and on the website. He also stated his concern for board meetings scheduled during the Holiday Season, like others in the school system he would be spending time out of town for the Holidays.

- Wade Beatty suggested that the reorganizational meeting be January 7th or the 14th. He also suggested that we start advertisement immediately, so members of the Wayne Township area could get their letters of intent into the Central Office by December 13th with a cut off time of 4:00 PM. Wade Beatty proposed that the reorganizational meeting be Tuesday, January, 14th @ 7:00PM.
- Tom Schaeztle said basically we have figured out 2 things. One, we have voted to use the Rainy Day Fund to help the general fund. Secondly, from the lawsuit we will free up \$50,000 a month for a long time to pay insurance benefits.
- Wade Beatty said the money would be able to help with insurance benefits for 14 months.
- Kevin Knott wanted everyone to know that even with the money coming in we will still have our current expenditures. It doesn't fix our problem, we still have to cut down on our expenditures.
- Don Scheumann said that Mrs. Schmidt was not with us tonight because she was having "dress rehearsal" for the KHS Fall Play, "Wild, Wild West in a Dress." He wanted to encourage everyone to attend the play and gave the dates and times. He went on to talk about receiving an email from Tracy Edwards, the CES secretary, at 5:30AM one morning last week letting all the parents know she would not be at school that day and what all was going on for the day and week. Making sure everything was covered for her day off. He said that typifies many, many CAB employees who make sure everyday that things get done, going above and beyond their duties. Finally, Don Scheumann tells of his great experiences with his own children going to CAB, he and his wife being employees of CAB, and he wishes his grandchild could go to CAB school. To sum it up, Mr. Scheumann loves Charles A. Beard Schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

16.01 ACT/SAT

16.02 Kids Caring and Sharing for Riley Hospital

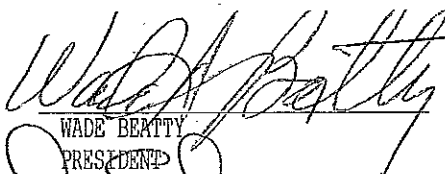
16.03 Secured Schools Safety Grant Program

Wade Beatty tells about the notices from Mr. Backmeyer in the packet for board members to look over.

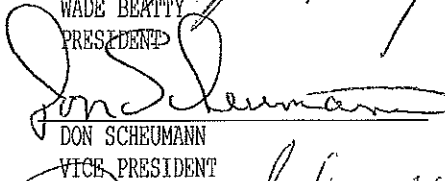
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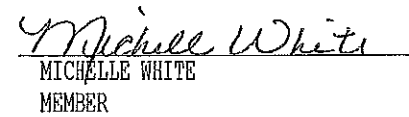
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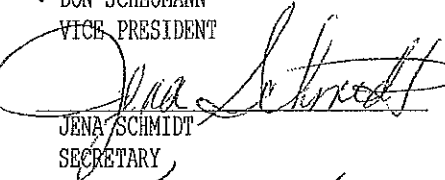
With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Beatty adjourned at 9:00 pm.

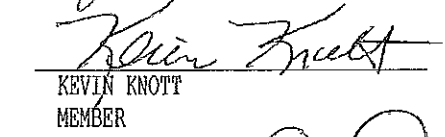

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