

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Regular Session to order at 7:02PM. 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, Michelle White
- **Central Office Staff:** Stephanie Madison, Corp. Treasurer and Carol Robertson, Central Office Assistant
- **Administrators:** Jed Behny, Danielle Carmichael, Jane Rodgers, Scott Ritchie
- **Media:** Knightstown Banner, The Courier Times
- **Patrons:** Approximately 30 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 7:02 pm. Roll call was taken and it was noted that all members were present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.01 Adoption of Agenda for the Oct. 15, 2013 Regular Meeting

Michelle White made the motion to adopt the agenda. Jena Schmidt gave the second. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.01 Approval of Minutes from Sept. 10, 2013 Special Session

3.02 Approval of Minutes from Sept. 17, 2013 Regular Session

3.03 Approval of Minutes from Sept. 24, 2013 Special Session

3.04 Approval of Minutes from Oct. 1, 2013 Special Session

Gerald Leonard moved to approve the minutes as presented. Kevin Knott gave a second. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent's Recognitions/Announcements

4.01 Tracy Edwards, CES Secretary – IASP Secretary of the Year Award

4.02 JoAnn Stoten, CES Bus Driver – Personal commendation from parent

4.03 Danielle Carmichael/Jan Lockridge – Awarded grant from Henry County Community Foundation

#### 4.04 School Newsletters

Joe Backmeyer informed all present on the above mentioned recognitions. He also mentioned he had attended a presentation at Knightstown Intermediate School regarding impaired drivers. He stated student reaction was very good. He also informed all present that the KHS Robotics' team would be collecting items for Ronald McDonald House.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

5.01 Approval of Bills for Oct. 15, 2013

5.02 Approval of Financial Reports for the Time Period Ending Sept. 30, 2013

5.03 Approval of Personnel Report for Oct. 15, 2013

5.04 Field Trip – FFA to Livestock Expo out of state

Wade Beatty read all reports. Jena Schmidt moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Michelle White gave the second. Motion carried 7-0.

#### INSTRUCTION- ACTION ITEMS

6.01 Graduation Date Approval

KHS has requested Class of 2014 Graduation be held on Sunday, June 1, 2014 beginning at 2:00 pm. Kevin Knott moved to approve the request. Gerald Leonard seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

#### INSTRUCTION- DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.01 Barton Coe Vilamaa

Kari Vilamaa gave a presentation on the recent building study his company performed. There was much discussion from the Board. A Board member requested that the power point presentation be placed on the corporation web-site for the public to review. The administrative team will begin meeting for the purpose of discussing programs. A report should be ready by next regular session.

#### BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION ITEMS

10.01 Budget

10.02 Title II Part A

10.03 Homeland Security/ Safety Grant

10.04 Tax Warrants

10.05 Rainy Day Discussion

10.06 Selection of a School Board Vice President

Stephanie Madison stated the Budget has been presented to the Board and public and is now ready for approval. Jena Schmidt made the motion to approve the Budget as presented. Michelle White gave the second and the motion carried 7– 0. Kevin Knott moved to approve the Capitol Project Plan as presented with a second by Michelle White. Motion carried 7–0. Don Scheumann moved to approve the Bus Replacement Plan as presented. A second was given by Gerald Leonard. The motion carried 7-0.

Jed Behny spoke on the Title II Part A Grant. Jena Schmidt made the motion to approve the grant, Wade Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Jed Behny then described the Homeland

Security/Safety Grant explaining the State would match 50% of the funds to secure student safety. Phase 1 of the project would be to purchase new push button entry systems for all our school buildings. Wade Beatty moved to approve the grant proposal with a second by Gerald Leonard. Motion carried 7-0.

Wade Beatty thanked the Corporation Treasurer on the excellent job she did in preparing the Tax Anticipation Warrants. Kevin Knott moved to approve the Tax Anticipation Warrants. Gerald Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Wade Beatty explained the possible necessity to access the Rainy Day Fund. Stephanie Madison explained the process. Gerald Leonard moved to advertise and have a public hearing to use the Rainy Day Fund. Tom Schaetzle gave the second. Wade Beatty stated a public hearing will be held on November 19, 2013 beginning at 7:00 pm with the Regular Session immediately following. With no further discussion, motion carried 7-0.

Wade Beatty stated the Board must elect a Vice President. The vacancy is a result of the resignation of Melissa Toth. Kevin Knott nominated Don Scheumann for the vacancy. Gerald Leonard seconded the motion. Nominations were then closed. Don Scheumann accepted the nomination. Motion carried 7-0.

## BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – REPORTS

### 12.01 Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 2013: School Lock Down

Joe Backmeyer gave a report on the recent lock-down of corporation schools on September 27, 2013. He said the administrative team met to evaluate the procedures. He made it known the main concern is to keep our students safe.

## HEARING OF VISITORS

### 14.01 Opportunity for Community to Speak

- John Swartz, Knightstown – He stated he is concerned about the recent articles in the “Banner Perspective”. He understands the Board members are not serving in their capacity for the money, but because of their dedication to the students of Charles A Beard. He quoted how a Kennard Community member didn’t believe anything that the CAB School Board says. Mr. Swartz shared concerns about emails that were not found and his unhappiness about the perception. He also stated the reality things are not good with the Banner and the community. He wondered why something couldn’t be done about this not getting along. He wants to see the board be more aggressive about taking care of issues and more into the concerns of the public. He also wanted to see the Banner be more professional, not to do any more name calling. He thinks the School Board and The Banner should work together for the good of our students and community. Wade Beatty commented CAB’s last three Superintendents have tried and failed to work with The Banner, as a result those individuals are no longer here because of The Banner. He also informed the patron there are over 3000 emails requested of The Banner at Central Office waiting to be redacted.

- Carolyn Groce, Kennard – Stated her concerns about closing our elementary buildings. She hopes that the School Board will look at the best way to save money and not spend more. She said there are so many more options that could be figured out other than closing buildings. She really hopes all options will carefully be thought through.
- Jane Rodgers, KIS Principal – Stated to John Swartz her building was always in need of tutors if he is still willing to volunteer.

## BOARD REPORTS/REQUEST

### 15.01 Opportunity for Board to Speak

- Tom Schaetlze stated that we need to consider all options as we move forward.
- Michelle White wants to look at all options also, not just closing elementary buildings.
- Wade Beatty said we would be moving forward with more information presented from the administrative team regarding programs at the next Regular Session. He thanked everyone for all their work.
- Don Scheumann asked Jane Rodgers to inform the Board of the type of training she receives as a School Safety Specialist. He also asked how she gives the information to students and parents. Jane gave a brief explanation of the type of training she receives. She also informed the Board that Steve Wherry is also trained and Danielle Carmichael will be receiving the training in November. Along with school personnel the Knightstown Police Department and Henry County Sherriff's Department will also be sending personnel for this free training.
- Kevin Knott said he wanted to make sure the Board stayed focused on the task at hand and to make the best decision for the school corporation. He does not want the Board to get distracted on other things. He knows the decision will not be acceptable to everyone, but encourages the Board to do what is best for students with a positive thought of keep on keeping on.
- Mr. Beatty agreed with Kevin to look at the big picture not the short run. To also maintain our focus on how we will educate now and in the future, measuring students starting in Kindergarten to entering the adult world.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 16.01 ISBA Legal Workshops

A listing of upcoming events was discussed. Carol Robertson will email board members with more information.

## ADJOURNMENT

### 17.01 Adjournment of Meeting

With no further business to come before the Board, Wade Beatty adjourned at 9:16 pm.

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