

Jan. 21, 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, John Swartz 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, and Steve Wherry
- **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 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken and it was noted that all members were present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.01 Adoption of Agenda for the Jan. 21, 2014 Regular Meeting

Michelle White made the motion to adopt the agenda. Gerald Leonard gave the second. Motion carried 7 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.01 Approval of Minutes from Dec. 17, 2013 Regular Session

Kevin Knott moved to approve the minutes from the Dec. 17, 2013 Regular Session. Tom Schaetzle gave a second. Motion carried 7 to 0.

Superintendent's Recognitions/Announcements

4.01 Student Recognitions

4.02 Newsletters

4.03 Employee Recognitions

Joe Backmeyer mentioned the newsletter, recognizes KHS for a letter complimenting KHS, their athletic department and a letter written in praise of Russell Spiker, transportation director. Also,

he complimented Russell Spiker, Dave Wyatt and the building custodians for the great job keeping all the snow shoveled and pushed away.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 Approval of Bills for Jan, 21,2014
 - 5.02 Approval of Financial Reports for the Time Period Ending Dec. 31, 2013
 - 5.03 Approval of Personnel Report for Jan. 21, 2014
 - 5.04 Field Trip – FFA State Competition/Purdue University – Overnight
 - 5.05 Field Trip – FFA Livestock Team Competition/ Wilmington College, Ohio-Out of State
 - 5.06 Field Trip–FFA Livestock Judging Team Competition/Louisville, KY, Out of state/overnight
 - 5.07 Field Trip- FFA Livestock Team Competition/Lake Land College, Mattoon, IL-Out of State
- Stephanie Madison reported on the claims to be approved. Joe Backmeyer read the personnel report. Wade Beatty read all the field trips to be approved. Some discussion on the field trips to be approved. Wade Beatty motioned to approve the consent agenda. John Swartz seconded the motion and the motion carried 7 – 0.

INSTRUCTION- ACTION ITEMS

- 6.01 Approval of Early Graduation Application
- 6.02 Approval of Project Lead the Way
- 6.03 Approval of Submit Waiver of Penalty for Loss of Instruction Day
- 6.04 School Calendar

Joe Backmeyer presented the Early Graduation Application. There was some discussion. Gerald Leonard motioned to approve the Early Graduation Application. Kevin Knott seconded the motion and the motion carried 7 – 0.

Joe Backmeyer presented Project Lead the Way. Steve Wherry also commented on the program. There was much discussion. Michelle White motioned to approve Project Lead the Way Program. Don Scheumann seconded the motion and the motion carried 7 – 0.

Joe Backmeyer told the board about submitting a Waiver of Penalty for Loss of an Instruction Day. There was a discussion about how many days we would so far be making up. Kevin Knott motioned to approve the submitting of the Waiver of Penalty for Loss of Instruction Day. Michelle White seconded the motion and the motion carried 7 – 0.

Joe Backmeyer presented the board with the new 2014 – 2015 School Calendar. He explained that it coincides with New Castle Schools. Don Scheumann motioned to approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar. Gerald Leonard seconded the motion and the motion carried 7 – 0.

INSTRUCTION- DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.01

INSTRUCTION- REPORTS

- 8.01 Corporation Report- Test Scores/Letter Grades

The building administrators presented their school letter grades with a power point. Knightstown Elementary received an A, Kennard and Carthage Elementaries received an A, Knightstown Intermediate School received a C, and Knightstown High School received an A. Several questions were asked by board members. Administrators explained how they received their letter grades and what they were going to do to improve for the next year.

INSTRUCTION – Hearings

9.01

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION ITEMS

10.01 Approval of Business Associates Agreement

10.02 Approval of Fund 3952

10.03 Textbook Rental Refunds

10.04 Facility Report and Discussion

10.05 Sale of Vehicle

Joe Backmeyer presented the Business Associates Agreement which is to be compliant with HIPPA. There was some discussion by the board. Kevin Knott motioned for the approval of the Business Associates Agreement. Don Scheumann seconded the motion and the motion carried 7 – 0.

Wade Beatty explains the approval of Fund 3952. This fund is needed for the balance of the ISTA settlement. John Swartz made the motion for the Approval of Fund 3952. Gerald Leonard seconded the motion. There was some discussion by the board. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Joe Backmeyer reported on the second community meeting. Comments were made about closing buildings. There was much discussion on Kennard and Carthage Elementaries. Kevin Knott motioned to close Kennard and Carthage Elementaries at the end of this academic year with students to come to Knightstown Elementary at the beginning of the 2014/2015 school year. He stated it was time to move forward and let the healing begin, looking forward to the best possible education we can provide with the tools and teachers that we have. After much more discussion a second was made by Don Scheumann. Roll call was taken for the vote. The motion failed, 3-4, with Wade Beatty, Tom Schaetzle, John Swartz, and Michelle White giving the negative votes.

Next, John Swartz motioned to close Knightstown Intermediate School rearranging the elementary schools boundaries, moving 5th and 6th grades back to the elementaries, and sending 7th and 8th grades to the High School. There was much discussion on closing the Intermediate School. Michelle White seconded the motion. Once again roll call was taken; the motion failed 2 – 5 with Wade Beatty, Tom Schaetzle, Don Scheumann, Gerald Leonard, and Kevin Knot giving the negative votes.

Then, Kevin Knott motions to only close Kennard Elementary. With much discussion the motion was withdrawn. Kevin Knot motions to close Kennard and Carthage Elementaries. (Option B) John Swartz seconds the motion. There was discussion about 8th graders at the Intermediate School.

Roll call was taken and the motion passed 4 – 3 with Wade Beatty, Tom Schaetzle, and Michelle White giving the negative votes.

Wade Beatty continues with normal business. He tells that there is an offer to purchase the white 250 -1999 Pick-Up Truck by John Abrell at \$6000. Tom Schaetzle motions to accept the offer on the 1999 Pick-Up Truck. John Swartz seconds the motion and the motion carries 7 -0

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Discussion Items

11.01 Possible Elimination of Business Equipment/Machinery Tax

11.02 Superintendent Search Discussions

Joe Backmeyer explains the Possible Elimination of Business Equipment/Machinery Tax. The board discusses the lost of funds to the schools.

Wade Beatty tells about the 2012 Superintendent Vacancy paperwork in the board packet. He would like to use this paperwork after it is updated to start the new Superintendent search. He would like the cut off date to be Feb. 28th for receiving applications, have the board to being the process around the middle of March, start interviews April 21st, and make a selection in May, with the new superintendent's contract beginning July 1, 2014. There was discussion about who would do the search for the new superintendent. Kevin Knott motioned for the school board to do the Superintendent search. Tom Schaetzle seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Reports

12.01

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES – Hearings

13.01

HEARING OF VISITORS

14.01 Opportunity for Community to Speak

Abbie Wehr, 101 S. Main Carthage, said she is removing her 6 children from CAB and she voices her concern about the openness of our school board. She thinks that KIS should be closed and our elementaries should be kept open. She thanks our administrators, teachers, and Amy Rauch for their hard work. She comments on the letter grades for our elementaries and the great start they give our children.

Cory Dickerson, Kennard, is concerned about the IU and Ivy Tech credits. He voiced his disappointment over our board not looking at the educational concerns and instead he feels they looked at the buildings. He also doesn't think that 4th graders should be at the intermediate school with 7th and 8th graders. He has a new idea to put the elementaries in the intermediate building, 6th and 7th grades at Knightstown Elementary, with 8-12 at KHS, and he thinks there would be new programs to offer the junior high level students.

Tim Wehr, Carthage, said he is over being upset about closing schools. He stated his children would no longer attend CAB. He thinks we should be using KHS for more students and more programs. He also answered questions addressing Mr. Leonard, Mr. Scheumann, Mr. Knott and Mr. Beatty.

BOARD REPORTS/REQUEST

15.01 Opportunity for Board to Speak

Don Scheumann, Kevin Knott, and John Swarts address Tim Wehr's comments. There was much discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

16.01 ISBA/IAPSS Collective Bargaining Seminar

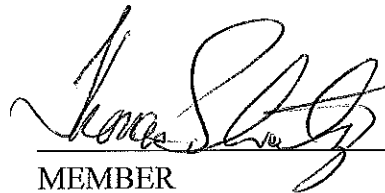
ADJOURNMENT

17.01 Adjournment of Meeting

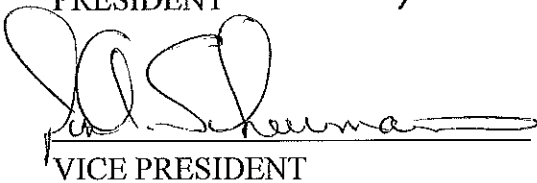
With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Beatty adjourned at 10:37 pm.



PRESIDENT

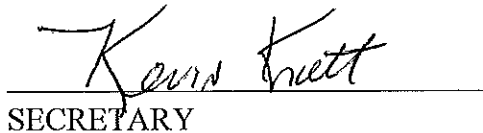


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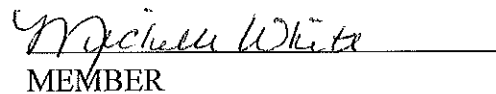


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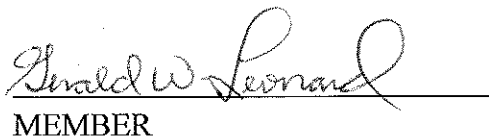
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