

September 16, 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, Tom Schaetzle, John Swartz and Steve Ferrell
- **Central Office Staff:** Jediah Behny, Superintendent, Russell Spiker, Transportation Director, Brian Woods, Technology Director, Stephanie Madison, Corp. Treasurer and Carol Robertson, Central Office Assistant
- **Administrators:** Scott Ritchie and Chad Gray
- **Media:** Knightstown Banner, Courier Times
- **Patrons:** Approximately 8 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 Don Scheumann was not present. Wade Beatty reported on a change in the agenda which needed to be added to 5.03. The addition was an Overnight Robotics' Team Field Trip. There will also be changes to the minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.01 Adoption of Agenda for the Sept. 16, 2014 Regular Session Meeting,

Tom Schaetzle made the motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of the Overnight Robotics' Field Trip. John Swartz gave the second. The motion carried 6 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.01 Approval of Minutes from Aug. 19, 2014 Regular Session.

There were a couple of corrections needed to be made to the minutes. The Board President, not Vice President called the meeting to order, and Steve Ferrell's declaration of conflict of interest came after the adoption of the agenda not before. Mrs. Robertson will make the changes to the minutes. John Swartz moved to approve the minutes from the Aug. 19, 2014 Regular Session Minutes with corrections. Gerald Leonard gave a second. Motion carried 6 to 0.

Superintendent's Reports

4.01 Newsletters

KES and KIS Newsletters were discussed and Mr. Behny thanked the school administration of all three schools for their efforts to increase communication and was pleased with the positive feedback from the community.

4.02 Building Update

Mr. Behny reported that KEN and CES security implementation will be completed today. KEN is in the final remediation steps. We are in the final push at KIS with units 4 & 6 being fully operational, units 1, 2 & 3 in placed and being worked on as we speak, and unit 5 is a day or 2 away. They've had a few set backs at KIS.

4.03 Student Count/ADM

Mr. Behny reported on our ADM number for 9-12-14 saying that we are down 62 kids from the last ADM count in February, 2014. Fortunately, there had been some good planning for this occurrence and will not put the corporation in immediate financial burden, however fewer students does mean fewer dollars. Wade points out the accomplishments of WKPW in the KIS Newsletter, it is a "CAB Did You Know Fact," that is part of the positive spread the word campaign. Kevin Knott commented also on the newsletters and the positive things going on throughout the corporation, as in the buildings being able to raise \$2400 for the ALS Challenge.

CONSENT AGENDA

5.01 Approval of Bills for Sept. 16, 2014

5.02 Approval of Financial Reports for the Time Period Ending Aug. 31, 2014.

Mrs. Madison reported on the claims and financial reports.

5.03 ADDED ITEM/ Robotics Team Overnight Field Trip/Corbin, Kentucky

Kevin Knott motioned to pay the claims as presented by the treasurer with the added field trip for the robotic team. Tom Schaetzle seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS

6.01 Football Field

Mr. Behny reports for Matt Martin, (whom he publicly congratulates on his recent marriage,) on the naming of the Don Willard Football Field. He reports that there are pictures in the board packet of the scoreboard. Mr. Martin and a small group of community members have been working on this process to keep the cost to CAB to a small amount. The plan is to honor Coach Willard on the Oct. 10th football game against Label. Mr. Behny requested to make the motion to name the football field after Mr. Don Willard. Gerald Leonard motions to name the football field after Don Willard and Kevin Knott seconds the motion. The motion carried 6-0 to name the football field Don Willard Field. There was discussion about the cost to the corporation. Next, came the motion to

approve the Athletic Director to solicit vendors to advertise on our football scoreboard made by Gerald Leonard and seconded by John Swartz. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.01 Proposal for Personal Property Auction

Mr. Behny requested the Board's permission to begin the planning and research process for an auction of many of the items currently being stored at CES. There has been a very organized inventory and he feels the corp. is ready for an auction and would like to have some auctioneers come in and give an estimate on selling the personal property stored at Carthage Elementary. John Swartz motioned to start the process for an auction. Tom Schaetzle seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

8.01 Personnel Report

Mr. Behny read a very short personnel report. Tom Schaetzle motioned to approve the personnel report as read. John Swartz seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

8.02 Allocation of Emergency Funds

Mr. Beatty reported on the request from our Corporation Treasure to take \$5000 out of the emergency funds to pay the deductible on the insurance claim at Kennard Elementary. Kevin Knott motioned to approve the use of the \$5000 to be used to pay the deductible of the Kennard Insurance Claim. Tom Schaetzle seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

8.03 Transportation Software

Mr. Behny reported on the Transportation Software that he and Russell Spiker would like to purchase. The company is Tyler Technologies, it is a bus routing software. Currently, we are paying \$2500 a year for one license for our current program. The Tyler Versitran software will greatly improve our abilities to provide accurate routing predictions and will cost \$3000 annually for unlimited licenses. Administrators, secretaries, and registration will greatly benefit from the addition licenses and there will be training provided by the company. There was much discussion about the software. Tom Schaetzle motioned to go forward with purchasing Tyler Technologies software. John Swartz seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

8.04 2015 KHS Graduation Date

Mr. Behny reported on the graduation date that Mr. Ritchie would like to have approved for June 7th, 2015, beginning a 2:00 PM. Gerald Leonard motioned to approve the graduation date of June 7th, 2015 @ 2:00 PM. Steve Ferrell seconds the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

9.01 There was no other business.

HEARING OF VISITORS

10.01 Opportunity for the Public to Speak

Jim Hope of Knightstown spoke in concern to our declining enrollment. He asked about the number of students we were down with our current ADM. Mr. Behny replied to the drop in enrollment. He commented that all the surrounding schools are also down in enrollment. He said that there has been a significant decline in population.

Kevin Knott replies also to Jim Hope. He said that the decline over the last 9 years is due to aging population and the change in job market availability. Obviously this year closing 2 school building also brought decline in enrollment. Kevin feels that the administration has been ahead of any events that have occurred with decline in enrollment. He comments that the money follows the student and we must start marketing and sharing the information about the good positive things that are going on at CAB. He thinks that things will get much better with time, and CAB is a solid corporation.

BOARD REPORTS/REQUEST

11.01 John Swartz also replies to Jim Hope. He tells of the good things happening in Henry County in the job market. New Castle area has new company's opening up with new job opportunities. He is pleased with bus 18; the driver didn't drop off a child at their stop because of the storm. The drive took the student on the rest of his route and waited until the storm was over because there wasn't a parent home. He also was impressed with KES' Fall Carnival. He had talked to a couple of teachers and was very impressed.

12.01 Gerald Leonard was also very positive with where CAB is headed with Mr. Behny and the employees. He wanted to recommend the video on CAB. He is very optimistic.

12.02 Wade Beatty wanted to top off the comments with conversations he had at ISBA Meeting this week, where he spoke to several area superintendents, who also said they had lost a truck load of students. He said something had to start changing with the money situation or we may be looking down the road with consolidation of schools. Just as we do with the vocational students, he thinks more classes may be heading in this form and CAB is investigating every opportunity.

12.03 Kevin Knott agrees with Wade on where the next level of education may be going in coordination with surrounding schools. He thinks we are going in a good direction with the marketing in our community.

12.04 Mr. Behny wants to make it clear that it is not all gloom and doom. Just because there is a decline in enrollment, doesn't mean we become stagnate. It pushes us to find new, efficient and innovative ways to provide service to our students at CAB.

12.04 Gerald Leonard comments that the state is going in the trend of charter schools, and he thinks that is what is hurting so many public schools. (One was closed this week)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.01 2014 Fall Regional Meeting

Wade reminds the board members of the Fall Region 6 Meeting to be held at Willie and Reds in Hagerstown. Members should see Mrs. Robertson to be signed up to attend.

12.02 Stephanie Madison reminds the board that the next board meeting will be Oct. 7th for a Public Budget Hearing. 7:00 PM will be the time on Oct. 7th.

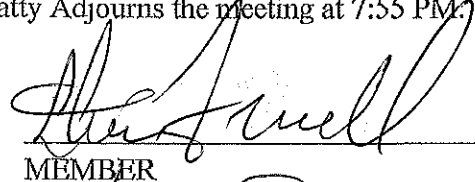
ADJOURNMENT

13.01 Adjournment of Meeting

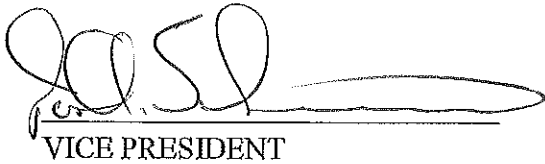
With no further business, Wade Beatty Adjourns the meeting at 7:55 PM.



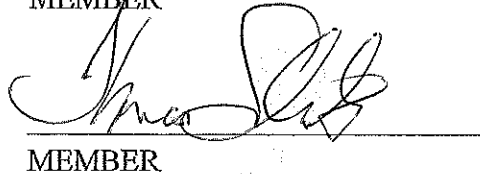
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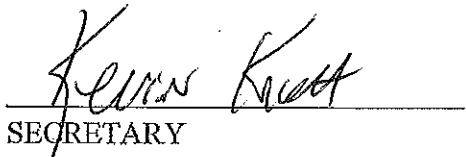
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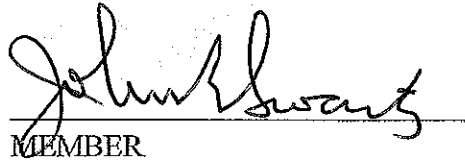
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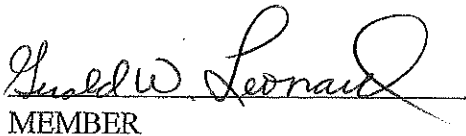
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