

OPENING OF PUBLIC REGULAR SESSION MEETING

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called The 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, Gerald Leonard, Graham Richardson, Tom Schaetzle, John Swartz, Steve Ferrell, and Cynthia Neal
- **Central Office Staff:** Jediah Behny, Superintendent, Russell Spiker, Transportation Director, Stephanie Madison, Business Manager, and Aubrey Chaney, Payroll & Benefits
- **Administrators:** Steve Wherry, Danielle Carmichael and Chad Gray
- **Media:** Knightstown Banner and the Courier Times
- **Patrons:** 6 patrons

1.01 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 were in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.01 Adoption of Agenda for the January 19, 2016 Regular Session Meeting

Tom Schaetzle made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. John Swartz seconded the motion. The motion carried 7 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ### 3.01 John Swartz motioned to approve the December 15, 2015 Special Session Minutes. Susie Neal seconded the motion to approve the minutes and the motion carried 7-0.

Steve Ferrell motioned to approve the December 15, 2015 Regular Session Minutes. Gerald Leonard seconded the motion to approve the minutes and the motion carried 7-0.

Wade Beatty asked that the minutes from the January 5, 2016 Reorganization Meeting be corrected to reflect the location as KHS, as opposed to KHS Media Center as it was written. This allows the meeting to have been moved to the auditorium in the event that it should have been necessary. Wade Beatty motioned to approve the January 5, 2016 Reorganization Session Minutes. Tom Schaetzle seconded the motion to approve the minutes as corrected, and the motion carried 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

4.01 Recognitions

Danielle Carmichael recognized KES Special Education teacher Lori Edwards. Mrs. Edwards received a new grant from Donor's Choose for the Sensory Room. Mrs. Edwards took time to explain what items were added to the room specifically & the value of said items to the students.

4.02 Assessment Update

Mr. Behny discussed the 2014-2015 ISTEP results, current legislation affecting the assessment systems, and current corrective actions. He invited principals Danielle Carmichael & Chad Gray to the podium to discuss what they are currently doing on a building level to remedy the situation.

Mr. Beatty then voiced his displeasure with the ISTEP testing process. Mr. Leonard shared his confidence in the teaching staff & administrators to make the situation better.

CONSENT AGENDA

5.01 Approval of Bills for January 19, 2016

5.02 Approval of Financial Reports for the Time Period Ending December 31, 2015.

5.03 Budget Summary

Gerald Leonard motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for January 19, 2016. Steve Ferrell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS- ACTION ITEMS

6.01 Second Reading of Board Policies

Board policy 5136 was reviewed for a second time. John Swartz motioned to approve Policy 5136. Steve Ferrell seconded the motion.

Mr. Schaetzle expressed concerns with the clarification of Board Policy 5136 in regards to building specific policy.

It was proposed that a letter "E" be added to the policy to better clarify device usage at the building level. Mr. Beatty checked with both board members (Mr. Schaetzle, & Mr. Swartz) and they were agreeable to the amendment as presented.

The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS- DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.01 First Reading of Board Policies

Board Policies 1422, 3122, & 4122 (Nondiscrimination & Equal Employment Opportunity) were reviewed.

Mr. Schaetzle expressed surprise with the lack of time limits for filing complaints as noted in the policies.

Cynthia Neal motioned to approve the first reading of policies 1422, 3122, & 4122. Tom Schaetzle seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS- ACTION ITEMS

8.01 Approval of the Personnel Report for January 19, 2016.

Mr. Behny read the Personnel Report.

Mr. Beatty asked questions about the hiring of a former employee that had left us earlier this school year. Mr. Behny explained why she would be a benefit to our corporation once again. Mr. Swartz also expressed concern for the same employee recommendation. Mr. Leonard then spoke about the way in which contracts work at a school corporation, & his opinion on that.

Gerald Leonard motioned to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

John Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8.02 School Calendar

The proposed new calendar for the 2015-2016 school year was reviewed. Mr. Beatty discussed his reasoning for wanting school to be open on November 23, 2016 in relation to last month's pre-Thanksgiving basketball game discussion. Mr. Swartz, Mr. Leonard, Mrs. Neal, Mr. Schaetzle, & Mr. Ferrell shared their opinions on the matter, citing other functions during off time, & how it might affect the balanced calendar. Mr. Behny shared possible additional expenses related to this adjustment.

Wade Beatty motioned to approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar as presented.

Cynthia Neal seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

8.03 Rainy Day

It was requested that \$100,000.00 from Transportation funds be transferred to the Rainy Day fund.

John Swartz motioned to approve the transfer of funds from the Transportation fund to the Rainy Day fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 as presented. Tom Schaetzle seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

9.01 There was no other business at this time.

HEARING OF VISITORS

10.01 Opportunity for the Public to Speak

There was no one to speak at this time.

BOARD REPORTS/REQUEST

11.01 Opportunity for Board to Speak

Cynthia Neal shared an encouraging experience with an eighth grade student who stayed positive in spite of pressure at a recent sporting event.

Tom Schaetzle discussed a recent situation at a basketball game between Knightstown & Eastern Hancock, and the singling out of a student in a negative manor. Mr. Beatty stated that he felt it was up to the administration at the hosting school to handle the situation at the time of the offense. Mr. Richardson, Mrs. Neal, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Swartz, & Mr. Ferrell also shared insights on the matter.

Mr. Ferrell thanked Lori Edwards for her good work at Knightstown Elementary.

Mr. Leonard spoke about the November 23rd basketball game, & it's being a tradition that he hopes will continue. He was pleased about the Rainy Day fund transfer that was approved. He thanked Mrs. Edwards, school teachers & administrators for all that they do. He expressed his confidence in our corporation as a whole.

Mr. Swartz shared info about an upcoming meeting at the Knightstown Town Council chamber. He too thanked the teachers that were in attendance.

Mr. Richardson thanked Mrs. Edwards as well, & asked a few further questions about the basketball game incident that Mr. Schaetzle had previously discussed.

Mr. Beatty thanked Mrs. Edwards, & Mr. Spiker for their contributions to the corporation.

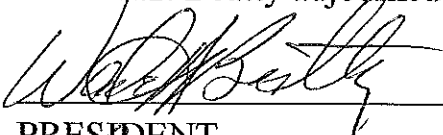
ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.01 No announcements were made at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

13.01 Adjournment of Meeting

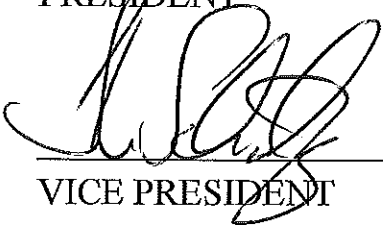
Mr. Beatty adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.



PRESIDENT




MEMBER



VICE PRESIDENT



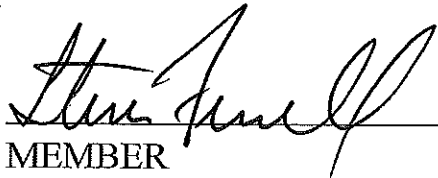
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