

Board Meeting
May 15, 2007

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their meeting to order at 6:26 pm. The meeting was held at Kennard Elementary School located at 232 Vine Street, Kennard, IN 47351. Those in attendance were:

- Board Members:
 - Wade Beatty - yes
 - Debi Ware - yes
 - Kevin Knott – yes
 - Leah Kopp - yes
 - Larry Selvidge - yes
 - Ron Womack - yes
 - Michael Fruth - yes
- Office Staff: Superintendent Dave McGuire, Business Manager David Bundy, Administrative Assistant Jena Schmidt, Treasurer Michelle Swift, Board Attorney Michael Wallman
- Knightstown High School student: Kylie Doubman
- Kennard Elementary principal, staff and student council members
- CTA President: Tom Crawford
- Media: Jeff Eakins, Paul Hines
- Former Board Members: Gerald Leonard
- Approximately 28 patrons

I. Organization of the Meeting

- A. Call to Order – at 6:26 pm.
- B. Roll Call – all board members present
- C. Pledge & Moment of Silence
- D. Board communications
 - Dr. McGuire reminded the board of the Special Session scheduled for May 25, 2007 beginning at noon.
 - Dr. McGuire also informed the board of the Final Report that was received from the State Board of Accounts for the audit they performed. The report has been filed with the state.
- E. High School Report
 - Kylie Doubman gave a brief report on current events at the high school. She mentioned the recent prom and post prom held at the beginning of the month. AP testing is currently underway. Seniors will be taking their final exams next week with graduation to be held on May 26 at 2:00pm.

II. School Improvement Update

Mrs. Heck gave a report on the PL221 plans and how they impact Kennard Elementary School. She also focused on the Language Arts and Reading component as it affects Title I. She introduced Mrs. Therese Hamilton who is the current Title I teacher at Kennard. Mrs. Hamilton made different materials available to the board for their review.

A power point presentation, by Samuel Moore, grade 4 was shown to those in attendance. Student Council conducted building tours for the board and audience.

III. Recognition

A. Public Recognition

- ❖ Appreciation to Henry County Community Foundation for approval of \$800 Grant to help fund the KIS Book Store.
- ❖ Marla Green, Amy Schaetvle, Penny Wilson and Sherri Messer for serving on handwriting adoption committee.
- ❖ Abbi Wehr, Helen Dulin, Jackie Harris, Shirley Shepherd, Peggy Hameson, and Ivy Youngs for helping with Kindergarten Round-up at Kennard and Carthage Elementaries.
- ❖ Sherry Trainor and Tri Kappa Sorority for sponsoring the Drums of West Africa convocation.

B. Student Recognition

- ❖ Congratulations to the Top Ten Students of the 2007 Graduating class, Lacy Cheek, Kylie Doubman, Cassandra Gulley, Amy Kendall, Sarah Lindsay, Bailey Owens, Brittney Schmidt, Elizabeth Selvidge, Jessica VanOsdol, and Amanda Whitfield.
- ❖ Erin Stamm, Morgan Roberts, Jarrett Weidner, Noah Wilson, Leah Heim, and AJ Sorrell for serving as tour guides during the April School Board Meeting at Carthage Elementary.
- ❖ Congratulations to all 5th and 6th graders on a successful 5th grade field trip.

C. Staff Recognition

- ❖ Congratulations to Top Ten Students Most Influential Teachers: Peggy Sweigart, Greg Branson, Susan Leonard, Lisa Mercer, Gary Ogden, Mark Rozzell, Dee Scheumann, Julie Lewman, Lisa Teuschler, and Rana Rodeffer.
- ❖ Recognition to Tracie Smith, RN, school nurse on National School Nurse Day, May 9, 2007.
- ❖ Mark Rozzell, Peggy Sweigart, Honey Hunt, Stacy Wyatt, Jackie Jones, and Marti Allen for serving on the handwriting adoption committee.
- ❖ Congratulations to Peggy Sweigart for participating in Charlotte's Web read-in which made the Guinness World Book of Records.
- ❖ Judy Stevens and Melody Radford for organizing the 5th and 6th grades field trip.
- ❖ Appreciation to all cooks for the hard work they provide each school year to bring good nutrition the students of our community.

IV. Consent Agenda Items

A. Minutes

- Ron Womack motioned to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2007- Executive Session, April 17, 2007 -Regular Session, and the May 8, 2007- Executive Session as previously submitted. Debi Ware made the second and the motion carried 7-0.

B. Claims

- Debi Ware made a motion to accept the claims as reviewed during the Finance Committee Meeting. Kevin Knott made the second and the motion carried 7-0.

C. Personnel

- Recommendations were as follows:
 - Dr. McGuire recommended to withdraw Kennard/Carthage Administrator split as was previously submitted and to continue with past practice at each elementary for the upcoming year with lead teachers in each building.
 - Dr. McGuire requested permission to post 2007 Summer School Positions. There will be five teachers needed to cover the program.
 - Mrs. Beverly Elliott has submitted her letter of retirement effective May 1, 2007 and Dr. McGuire recommended approval.
 - Dr. McGuire recommended to hire Jeff Brandes, Bob Casselman, & Dan Jack for Summer School Drivers Ed Instructors, as requested from Jim Diagostino.

Wade Beatty motioned to approve all the above items as presented. Larry Selvidge made the second. There was a brief discussion regarding funding of summer school. Motion carried 7-0.

V. Reports of Superintendent and Business Manager

- Mr. David Bundy recommended the administration of the bequest from Helen Vogt be given to the Knightstown High School Alumni Association. Mr. Bundy, Mrs. Leonard, a representative from Henry County Community Foundation, and the Knightstown High School Alumni Association met to discuss various options. Mr. Bundy's recommendation is to grant administration of scholarships to the Knightstown Alumni Association. There was discussion regarding the flexibility the Alumni Association offers over the Foundation. Questions were raised regarding the management of funds, fees and removal of administration, if the school board deems it necessary. Mr. Beatty asked if a security bond was offered from the Alumni Association to protect the bequest. The answer was not clear so Wade Beatty made the motion to table this decision pending further investigation. Kevin Knott made the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Dr. McGuire recommended the disposal of equipment as requested by our Technology Director. The Technology Director inventories approximately twice a year and all equipment listed is no longer under warranty, repairable, or functioning. Hard drives have been physically destroyed. Wade Beatty made the motion to approve the list with a second by Debi Ware. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. Unfinished Business

- Dr. McGuire asked for approval of the 2007 Summer School program and schedule. The dates correspond with last year. Larry Selvidge made the motion as requested with a second by Ron Womack. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. New Business

The following recommendations were made for board approval.

- Request a Waiver of Reading Adoption for 07-08 school year and approve an integrated language arts and reading textbook curriculum for the 08-09 school year.
- Recommendation of approving Zaner-Blozer Handwriting Curriculum Adoption for 07-08 school year. Teachers will have the flexibility to order necessary supplies such as blackline masters and transparencies.
- Approval for Industrial Tech club to go to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio on April 25, 2008. This field trip supports curriculum and state standards.
- Mr. David Bundy requested permission to move the bus and fuel bids to occur in June. This will accommodate pending fuel emission standards.
- Mr. Dan Jack made the recommendation to approve the Knightstown Community High School Student Handbook for the upcoming year.

Changes were as follows:

- New Core 40 requirements from the Indiana Department of Education were added.
- Attendance policy was changed to align with PL221 Plan. The excused absence now has an eight (8) day attendance policy. Notification will be made at fourth, sixth, and 8th absence from class.
- If a student accumulates six tardies in the same class in a 9-week grading period, the student may be removed from class.
- Student dress – House slippers are no longer allowed.
- Pass room will only be assigned a maximum of 5 times per semester.
- An index was added.
- Some wording was updated under “grounds for expulsion” to more align with state requirements.

Debi Ware made a motion to approve all recommendations as presented. Larry Selvidge made the second. There was some discussion on reading adoption waiver. Kevin Knott commented on Finance committee’s recommendation of moving fuel bids. With no further discussion or comment, motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Board Policy

- Dr. McGuire stated he has met with Bob Hartman of Neola. Mr. Hartman recommends we do not to incorporate the new updates Neola suggests as the changes in the policy handbook are minor. Approval is pending discussion with Certified Teachers Association. Discussion meeting is set for June 1, 2007.

IX. Public Comments

- Mrs. Janet Sparks, Kennard Elementary – read a prepared statement from concerned teachers asking to reconsider the cut of the elementary school social worker.
- Ms. Susanah Hatton, 5th Grader at KIS – read a statement discussing the proposed program cut in the music department. She presented a petition with approximately 190 signatures. She asked that the school board not to take the program. She then thanked the board for listening and for their cooperation.
- Mr. Nicholas Shaneyfelt, former student – addressed the notice of the Reduction In Force notice that was given to Mr. Jan Crouch. Without the influence and encouragement of Mr. Crouch he would not be pursuing a piano degree at the University of Notre Dame. He asked that a greater emphasis of this school system to be placed on the arts.

X. Items from Board Members

Mr. Michael Fruth presented an engraved plaque to David Bundy for his years of dedicated service to children while serving on the school board prior to being appointed Business Manager of the school corporation.

XI. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board Mr. Michael Fruth adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

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