

Board Meeting

April 17, 2007

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their meeting to order at 7:39 pm. The meeting was held at Carthage Elementary School located at 511 E. 2nd Street, Carthage, IN 46115. Those in attendance were:

- Board Members: Wade Beatty, Debi Ware, Kevin Knott, Leah Kopp, Larry Selvidge, Ron Womack, and Michael Fruth
- Office Staff: Superintendent Dave McGuire, Business Manager David Bundy, Administrative Assistant Jena Schmidt, Treasurer Michelle Swift
- Carthage Elementary Principal and staff along with six student council members
- CTA President: Tom Crawford
- Media: Jeff Eakins, Paul Hines
- Former Board Member: Gerald Leonard
- Approximately 21 patrons

I. Organization of the Meeting

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge & Moment of Silence

Mr. Fruth announced there would be a change in agenda items. The Consent Agenda Items will be discussed first. Dr. Ray Pavy reported on the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Funding Data Report and explained the current financial status. Dr. Pavy gave a brief description explaining the results of not collecting the maximum tax levy.

The Finance Committee reported on their meeting today at central office. Kevin Knott motioned to accept the claims as previously submitted with a second by Wade Beatty. Motion carried 7-0.

Business Manager, David Bundy, gave a brief summary of the funding coming through the state tuition support. The school corporation also received scholarship funds from the estate of Helen Vogt. The funds will be used to form two scholarships in the future. A thank you will be sent to the family by the corporation Business Department. Lists of outstanding checks were submitted to be receipted back into General Fund. These checks were two years old or older by December 31, 2006. The amount slated for receipt to general fund is \$7,786.24. Wade Beatty motioned to approve this report with a second by Debi Ware. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Board communications

- Dr. McGuire provided some clarification on the Indiana Virtual Academy. This is a cooperative formed in Ripley County not Ball State University.
- ISBA/IAPSS/IASBO will hold its second budgeting seminar on May 18, 2007.
- First Annual Top 10 Banquet will take place on May 7, 2007. This reception will be for the top ten students in the graduating senior class.

E. High School Report

Due to conflicts with students, this report was not given this month.

II. School Improvement Update

A short DVD presentation was given on PL221 laws and Carthage Elementary School's focus. The school's primary focus is English/Language Arts with a second focus in Math. Mrs. Heck then invited the school board to go on a tour through the elementary school with the student council as guides.

III. Recognition

A. Public Recognition

1. Appreciation to Susie Bundy, Tina Horth, & Logan's Country Carpet for helping with the KIS Theater production of Treasure Island.
2. Appreciation to Angela Moore and Casey Kizer Kiel for presenting during Kennard Elementary Reading Chocolate Challenge Fun Night.

B. Student Recognition

1. Recognition to the Cast of "Treasure Island" for a wonderful performance.
2. Congratulations to Cassandra Cox and Libbie Fender as Mental Health America of Henry County essay winners.
3. Congratulations to Sarah Davis for being named "The Best Teen Chef in Indiana."
4. Recognition to cast and crew of KHS Spring Musical.
5. Appreciation to Leah & Derek Heim for serving as volunteer partner readers.
6. Congratulations to Brayden Walters for State Champion Gymnast on balance beam.
7. Recognition to Jack Holder & Reagan Reese for calling 911 and preventing major damage during a fire.

C. Staff Recognition

1. Congratulations to Tabatha Brown, Karen Gardner, Nancy Newton, Patricia Keesling, & Therese Hamilton for completing the Mentor Certification Program.
2. Recognition to Jan Crouch, Cynthia Henry, Lisa Haughn, Tom Crawford for their hard work during the production of "Treasure Island" at KIS.
3. Congratulations to Jean Ann McAllister for being awarded an \$800 grant to help with the 6th grade Book Shop.
4. Appreciation to Susie Leonard for many additional hours worked to prepare student schedules for the upcoming school year.
5. Recognition to Jan Crouch for hard work on KHS Spring Musical.
6. Appreciation to Lisa Mercer for presenting during Kennard Elementary Reading Chocolate Challenge Fun Night.

IV. Consent Agenda Items

A. Minutes

Kevin Knott motioned to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2007 meeting as previously submitted. A second was made by Larry Selvidge. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Claims – This item was discussed at the opening of the meeting.

C. Personnel –

Dr. McGuire recommended the appointment of Christine Brokamp as Principal at Knightstown Elementary School to replace Dr. Anthony Triarsi. Ms. Brokamp was the top candidate of the interview committee. Wade Beatty motioned to accept the recommendation with a second by Debi Ware. Motion carried 7-0.

Debi Ware motioned to accept the following personnel items with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 7-0.

- Resignation of Richard VanOsdol as Business Teacher at KHS.
- Appointment of Betsy Strader as temporary Business Teacher at KHS to replace Mr. VanOsdol for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.
- Resignation of Richard VanOsdol at Varsity Wrestling Coach and Varsity Cross Country Coach.
- Resignation of Kristin Crawford as Assistant Varsity Cheer Coach.

V. Reports of Superintendent and Business Manager

Dr. McGuire expressed his appreciation for approving his attendance at the NCA conference during Spring Break. Grant funds were able to make this conference possible. The conference provided insight into what other schools are doing in successful efforts to improve education.

Future Actions

A motion from Wade Beatty was made to approve the following resolutions. Leak Kopp seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0.

- Bank Signature Resolution-to remove David B. McGuire and add Michelle Swift as approved signatures for any banking transactions.
- PERF Resolution-to add Michelle Swift and Diana Arellano as authorized signatures on any Public Employees Retirement Fund report or form.

A motion from Wade Beatty was made to approve the following items. A second was made by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 7-0.

- Permission for Herff Jones to place board signatures on KHS diplomas for the 2007 class.
- KIS Band to travel to Kings Island in Cincinnati, Ohio on Saturday, May 5, 2007.
- Approval of the 2007-2008 Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation School Calendar.

VI. Unfinished Business

The Indiana Department of Education has granted a waiver of two instructional days for Knightstown High School seniors. Dr. McGuire requested the waiver be used to waive Saturday, May 12, 2007 and Saturday, May 19, 2007. These days were previously

approved by the school board. Larry Selvidge made the motion as requested with a second by Debi Ware. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. New Business

Dr. McGuire requested authority from the School Board of Trustees to formally notify staff for Reduction in Force. As noted in the report of the Business Manager, there is a significant decline in revenue that must be addressed. The corporation must act now to eliminate programming due to the uncertainty in state funding, the known drop in revenue, and the timing for legal notice to teachers for reduction in force. The recommendation is to make the following changes in programming to affect a savings of \$185,120, maximize remaining personnel, and minimize the classroom impact on students.

Positions to eliminate:

- Mental health Counselor
- Social Worker
- Vocal Music
- Business (resignation)
- Gifted & Talented (reassigned)

Transfers for 2007-2008:

- Jane Rodgers to Elementary PE
- Cindy Cox to KES grade 4
- Lisa Haughn to KIS Grade 5
- Jamie Stone to KIS Grade 6

After some discussion, Dr. McGuire stated that tough choices would have to be made due to the drop in revenue. Michael Fruth stated this is not something that we choose to do; this is the responsible thing to do. Dr. McGuire also stated the previous recommendation to split the Kennard/Carthage Principal has been pulled from consideration to help with funding issues. Ron Womack made the motion to make notification in Reduction in Force with a second by Larry Selvidge. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Board Policy

The Classroom Teachers Association has a copy of the NEOLA policy book and has asked for additional time to review the policies. The rough draft should be available for the May 15, 2007 school board meeting.

IX. Public Comments

Four patrons requested permission to address the school board.

- Lea Hinshaw – regarding KHS attendance policy was not in attendance.
- Jacob Cullison – read a letter addressing the programming cut of the choral music department. He expressed his disagreement and concern.
- Cody Hibbert – relayed a thank you from Mr. Crouch regarding the support he was receiving from the students. He also provided a petition entitled “Keep the Knightstown Choral Department Alive: Our Voices Should Matter”. This petition has approximately 160 signatures. Mr.

Hibbert then read a statement regarding his concern over losing this program.

- Kayla Truax – Ms. Truax expressed her agreement with the two previous students. Then her mother, Tabatha Truax-Haynes spoke for her daughter.

Michael Fruth stated, “It is our responsibility, we do not take this lightly. Thank you for your concerns. This may change before August; however we must make the responsible decision to keep the funds in the proper places.”

X. Items from Board Members

There were no items from the board members.

XI. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, Wade Beatty motioned to adjourn at 9:23pm.

President

Member

Vice President

Member

Secretary

Member

Member