

**Board Meeting**  
March 20, 2007

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their meeting to order at 7:46 pm. The meeting was held at Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation located at 345 North Adams Street, Knightstown, IN 46148. 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
- Knightstown High School student: Kylie Doubman
- FFA – Members, Boosters, Teacher
- CTA President: Tom Crawford
- Media: Jeff Eakins, Paul Hines
- Approximately 15 patrons

**I. Organization of the Meeting**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge & Moment of Silence
- D. Board communications – There were none to come before the board.
- E. High School Report - Kylie Doubman, Senior Class President

Ms. Doubman mentioned the Pure Fun activities available at KHS along with the History Club Field Trip to Springfield, Illinois. The spring musical will be this coming weekend at the high school. They will be performing “The Wiz” as well as a Band Concert. Spring Break is quickly approaching, and all seem to be excited.

**II. School Improvement Update**

FFA gave an informative Power Point Presentation. Ms. Khara Memmer spoke about the program and class officers were present to speak during the presentation. Mr. Marty Matlock was also available to thank the Board for their generosity in allowing the FFA to use available acreage near the school for FFA projects and to help students learn more about Agriculture and their community.

**III. Recognition**

Public Recognition

1. Dr. Doug Huynh - Volunteering his dental services to KIS.
2. Barb Mofield & BPW - Assistance with KIS Reality Store.
3. Main Source Bank - Assistance with KIS Reality Store.
4. Knightstown Methodist Church – Providing garments for emergencies at Kennard & Carthage Elementary.

B. Student Recognition

1. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball-County Champs
2. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball-County Champs
3. Britney Taylor (Carthage Elementary) - Spelling Bee Champ
4. Ryan Johnson (Kennard Elementary) – Spelling Bee Champ
5. KIS Math Bowl Team – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**C. Staff Recognition**

1. Lisa Haughn – KIS Math Bowl Team Coach.
2. Julie Anderson – KIS – Organizing 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day.
3. VeeAnn Schmidt – KIS – Organizing KIS Reality Store.
4. Patty Keesling – KIS – Organizing Late Show.
5. Nelson White & Gene Neff – Wonderful job of keeping parking lots cleared of snow.
6. Bus Drivers – Keeping everyone safe during fog, snow, & ice.
7. Kelvin Tutrow, Patty Tribby & Gail Wisehart – KES – Continually go above and beyond in keeping school nice and clean.
8. Therese Hamilton & Beth Childress – Title I Teachers – Making a Read 180 presentation at ECESC Literacy Roundtable
9. Susan Logan – Social Worker – Coordinating efforts for donated clothing at elementary buildings.

**IV. Consent Agenda Items**

**A. Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from February 19, 2007 & February 20, 2007 was made by Wade Beatty with a second from Debi Ware. Motion carried 7-0.

**B. Claims –** A motion to approve claims was made by Wade Beatty with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 7-0.

**C. Personnel –**

A motion to accept the following personnel recommendations was made by Kevin Knott with a second by Larry Selvidge. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Accept resignation and reassignment of Physical Education Teacher Perry Nash. Mr. Nash has resigned effective the end of the 2006-2007 school year and has been reassigned to central office for the remainder of the school year.
2. Recommendation to hire Melodie Smith as substitute bus driver.
3. Recommendation to hire Kelly Dudley as summer grounds help.
4. Recommendation for Chris Myer and Elizabeth Magee as volunteers in the Track program.

**V. Reports of Superintendent and Business Manager**

Dr. McGuire expressed his appreciation in approving his attendance at the Reading Conference. He mentioned that additional requirements will be placed on school corporations as Special Ed laws continue to change. “Response to Intervention” has been the focus of many workshops. Upcoming workshops will help to prepare for upcoming requirements.

Mr. Bundy gave an update on the farm ground lease. The lease was signed for a term of three years on March 19, 2007 on Site #1 and #2 with Mr. Fred Wooldridge. Total income for Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation is \$10,508.00.

Mr. Bundy also informed the board that the Knightstown High School FFA will farm 7.61 acres. This ground will be registered with the farm subsidy program. There were a few questions and some discussion.

Dr. McGuire requested approval for the June Board Meeting to be moved from June 19 to June 12. Debi Ware made such a motion with a second by Ron Womack. Motion carried 7-0.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to come before the board.

## **VII. New Business**

Dr. McGuire is recommending approval for the Washington DC Field Trip for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students. This trip will take place October, 2007. After some discussion and questions Wade Beatty motioned to approve this trip with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. McGuire reported a settlement has been reached between three students and Charles A. Beard Insurance carriers. He mentioned that no portion of the settlement will be paid with corporation funds. Dr. McGuire recommended that the School Board of Trustees accept these settlements. There was much discussion regarding the settlements. Michael Fruth asked about privacy clause in the settlement agreement. Dr. McGuire stated if we were presented with public access record request we must honor those requests. He stated that no laws will be violated. All parties have approved and signed this agreement. It will become a public record the moment the School Board votes. Larry Selvidge made a motion to approve all settlements. A second was given by Wade Beatty. Dr. McGuire stated that a discussion settlement conference is designed for each side to give a little; each side can claim victory and defeat in some areas. The question was raised, what would happen if the board did not approve this settlement? Dr. McGuire state the process would start over with a Federal Judge and the cost of the settlement will come from Charles A. Beard funds and we will not have the backing from our insurance companies.

Roll call was taken for the vote.

Wade Beatty-Yes

Debi Ware-Yes

Kevin Knott-No

Leah Kopp-Yes

Ron Womack-Yes

Larry Selvidge-Yes

Michael Fruth-No

Motion carried 5-2. Mr. Fruth made a final statement "I do not agree with the justice system."

Dr. McGuire is requesting permission to attend an IAPSS conference on April 25, 2007. Ron Womack made such a motion with a second by Debi Ware. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. McGuire is recommending a waiver for seniors. The state requires 180 days of instruction for all students. The law also allows for the waiver of two instructional days for seniors. The recommendation is to establish two Saturdays, May 12 and May 19, as senior snow make-up days. Additionally, he recommends the board to authorize for the application of a waiver from the state for two days. Wade Beatty made the motion as recommended with a second from Leah Kopp. Motion carried 7-0. Dr. McGuire stated the last student day will be May 30 and teacher record day to be held on May 31.

Knightstown Panther Boosters request permission to place a storage shed structure that will be used as a ticket booth. The structure will be placed on skids and will not require electricity. The Panther Boosters will maintain building and it will not require a building permit as the structure will be portable. Kevin Knott made the motion with a second by Larry Selvidge. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. McGuire made a request for permission to pursue information on Indiana Virtual Academy-Chartered by Ball State University to provide services for summer school. This program will offer summer school classes to some students at no cost to them and a minimal cost to us. There was some discussion. Larry Selvidge motioned to give Dr. McGuire permission to pursue this opportunity and report back to the School Board. A second was made from Wade Beatty. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **VIII. Board Policy**

There was none to come before the board.

#### **IX. Public Comments**

There were no patrons requesting permission to address the board.

#### **X. Items from Board Members**

Debi Ware asked if the Board was interested in donating \$100 each for a scholarship to be awarded to a Senior, as was done in the past. After a brief discussion, members expressed the importance of encouraging education in our students. This will be a one time opportunity scholarship. The money will go directly to the college or university. Debi Ware and Leah Kopp will review the scholarship applications. School Board members are asked to have their donation to central office by May 10, 2007.

Ron Womack mentioned an article in Indiana School Board Journal regarding open communication and community meetings. He expressed that many good opportunities stem from this at that the Board continue to work toward an open community forum. This can be a great tool for the school board and the corporation.

**XI. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the board, Wade Beatty motioned to adjourn at 9:00pm.

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