

Board Meeting
January 23, 2007

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their special session to order at 7:02 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: Mike Fruth, David Bundy, Debi Ware, Wade Beatty, Kevin Knott, Ron Womack
- Office Staff: Superintendent David McGuire, Ed.D., Administrative Assistant Jena Schmidt
- CTA President: Tom Crawford
- Media: Jeff Eakins
- Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer, Judy Haines
- Former Board Members: Gerald Leonard, Stephanie True
- Six School Board Candidates
- Approximately twelve patrons

I. Organization of the Meeting

- A. Call to Order at 7:02 pm
- B. Roll Call – Jena Schmidt took roll call. All were present.
- C. Pledge & Moment of Silence
- D. Personnel Items

Michael Fruth asked Mrs. Stephanie True to come forward. She was presented with a plaque thanking her for her dedicated services to the children.

Dr. David McGuire made the following personnel recommendations.

1. Recommended to accept the resignation of Amanda Zurwell. Debi Ware motioned to accept with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Mr. David Bundy abstaining from the vote.
2. Appointment of David Bundy as Business Manager. Wade Beatty motioned to accept the recommendation with a second by Ron Womack. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Mr. David Bundy abstaining from the vote.
3. Recommendation to approve contract with Educational Services to have Dr. Ray Pavy as Interim Business Manager. He will work approximately two days per week for six weeks. Ron Womack motioned to accept the contract with a second by Debi Ware. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Recommendation to hire Mrs. Gayle Ratliff, retired New Castle corporation treasurer, for training the new payroll clerk. Dr. McGuire stated Mrs. Ratliff's services will not be needed as long as Dr. Pavy. After some discussion, Dr. McGuire stated he would monitor the timeline of the training. Debi Ware then motioned to accept with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 6-0.

5. Recommendation to hire Michelle Swift as Deputy Treasurer. Dr. McGuire stated she could not be named corporation treasurer until the retirement of Mrs. Judy Barnes. Wade Beatty motioned to accept with a second by Debi Ware. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Recommendation to hire Mrs. Rachael Shepherd and Mr. Scott Stanley as winter remediation teachers for failing GQE students. After some discussion Debi Ware motioned to accept with a second by Wade Beatty. Motion carried 6-0.

Appointment of Board Member

This position is to fulfill the term through June 30, 2008, recently vacated by Stephanie True. After much discussion and many comments regarding the qualifications of the candidates and the difficult decision facing the board, Wade Beatty made the motion to approve Mr. Larry Selvidge as the newly appointed school board member. David Bundy seconded the motion. Mrs. Schmidt took the vote by roll call.

Mr. David Bundy - yes
Mrs. Debi Ware - yes
Mr. Wade Beatty - yes
Mr. Kevin Knott - yes
Mr. Ron Womack - yes
Mr. Michael Fruth – yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Judith Haines, Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer, administered the oath of office to Mr. Larry Selvidge. After the oath, Mr. Selvidge was given the first draft copy of Neola policies.

Board Members thanked all candidates for their willingness to serve their community.

Michael Fruth asked if there were any comments from the Board. Mr. David Bundy read his letter of resignation from the board due to his appointment as Business Manager. Mr. Bundy will resign from the school board effective 2-8-07. Board members expressed their thanks for his dedication and time of service on the board. Wade Beatty motioned to accept the resignation with a second by Debi Ware. After much discussion and comments motion carried 7-0.

With the resignation of Mr. Bundy, the school board will need to go through the appointment process to replace him. Mr. Bundy also represents Wayne Township and the interviews will be open to the public. The timeline is as follows:

- Letters to be submitted to Michael Fruth by February 9, 2007
- Interview February 19, 2007 – 6:00 open meeting with executive session to follow
- Appointment at Board Meeting February 20, 2007 – 7:30pm

Mr. Bundy served as vice president to the school board. Michael Fruth opened the floor for nominations to replace Mr. Bundy as Vice President. This would become effective on February 8, 2007 and will continue through June 30, 2007. Debi Ware nominated Wade Beatty as Vice President. Kevin Knott made the second. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Wade Beatty abstaining.

With no further business to come before the board Wade Beatty motioned to adjourn at 7:56pm.

President

Member

Vice President

Member

Secretary

Member

Member