

Board Meeting
December 19, 2006

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their meeting to order at 7:31 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, Stephanie True, Ron Womack
- Office Staff: Superintendent David McGuire, Ed.D., Business Manager Amanda Zurwell, Administrative Assistant Jena Schmidt, Treasurer Judy Barnes, Facilities Director Mike McKillip, Technology Director Bruce Sowers
- Knightstown High School Assistant Principal Daniel Jack and KHS students: Kylie Doubman, Dakota James, Amy Kendall and Sarah Lindsay
- CTA President: Tom Crawford
- Media: Jeff Eakins
- Former Board Members: Gerald Leonard

I. Organization of the Meeting

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call – Jena Schmidt took roll call. All were in attendance.
- C. Pledge & Moment of Silence
- D. Board communications – There were no board communications.
- E. High School Report

Dakota James-KHS Student Council President – Reported on a recent motivational speaker that spoke about drunk driving awareness. He also reported the various sports currently on the schedule. The KHS final exams are this week along with senior research papers. All students are excited about the upcoming winter break.

II. School Improvement

Dan Jack, Assistant Principal at KHS, along with senior leaders gave a brief report on the various activities they represent.

Sarah Lindsay-Riley Fundraiser-Tape a Teacher to a chair and Rock for Riley are big money makers for this group.

Amy Kendall-National Honor Society President-Just completed the food drive for Knightstown Food Pantry-They made Christmas stockings for a local charity and are planning to make Easter baskets in the spring. They recycle every Friday at the high school and each member is required to have ten service hours each semester.

Kylie Doubman-Senior Class President-Approximately 30 seniors have been accepted to various colleges and three have joined the military. Several seniors participated in the fall drama play and fall sports. Plans are currently on-going for the annual senior hog roast and post prom.

Dakota James-KHS Student Council President-Reported on homecoming festivities, the recent blood drive, and the plans of increasing school spirit at each of the home basketball games. This group is working hard to promote “Panther Pride”.

III. Recognitions

Public Recognition

1. Jeff Johnson for being 'Principal of the Day' at Kennard Elementary
2. Glenn Davis for being 'Principal of the Day' at Carthage Elementary

Student Recognition

1. KHS Catering Class in all they do for Central Office and during the recent Corporation Christmas Tea and Empty Bowls Charity Soup Dinner

Staff Recognition

1. Mr. Don Scheumann for Leadership Award from Ball State University Department of Educational Leadership
2. Rick Wisehart for all his efforts on the new Kennard Elementary sign
3. Mrs. Larue Tramel for organizing the Christmas Program
4. Mrs. Cyndi Pierson for putting together the Elementary Art Show
5. Mrs. Gloria Means for organizing the canned food drive at Knightstown Elementary School
6. Mrs. Nancy Watson and her efforts on the Christmas Tea

IV. Consent Agenda Items

Kevin Knott motioned to approve the minutes from November 15, 2006 & November 21, 2006 as previously submitted. David Bundy made the second. The motion carried 7-0.

Wade Beatty, representing the finance committee made the motion to approve the Claims and Financial Report as previously submitted. Debi Ware made the second. The motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Judy Barnes announced her retirement effective July 31, 2007. Debi Ware motioned to accept the retirement and Kevin Knott made the second. Motion carried 7-0. Michael Fruth thanked her for her many years of dedicated service. Dr. David McGuire stated how much help she has been to him and Wade Beatty thanked her for her work on the Finance Committee.

Dr. McGuire made the following personnel recommendations:

- Tim Hamilton as Junior High Wrestling Coach
- John Wagner as Junior High Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Scott Morgan as volunteer Junior High Girls Basketball
- Greg Freeman as volunteer Boys Varsity Basketball
- Angela Moss' resignation as Payroll Clerk
- Teresa Hibbert as Temporary High School Treasurer
- 2% pay increase for support services
- Lisa Wells as substitute bus driver

After recommendations were read, Mrs. Angela Moss stood and asked to address the board. Mr. Fruth stated he had all his information but wouldn't object if the board wished to hear her statement. No board member stated they would like to hear her statement. Mrs. Moss continued to speak. Mr. Fruth stopped Mrs. Moss after a few minutes and ruled her out of order. Then a motion to approve all personnel

recommendations was made by Wade Beatty with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 7-0.

V. Reports of Superintendent and Business Manager

Dr. McGuire expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to attend the IAPSS Annual Meeting on November 30 and December 1, 2006.

Dr. McGuire presented a table with the ISTEP results over the past three years. He stated our corporation was essentially flat from last year. He also stated that we are seeing a decline in the passing rate.

Dr. McGuire attended the ISBA Legal Issues meeting on December 8, 2006.

Mrs. Amanda Zurwell presented a plan for building Security corporation wide. She is recommending that Central Office lock down two of three exterior doors. This is a basic security need. There was also discussion regarding the security measures in the buildings. She is asking for a security plan to be a goal. Debi Ware motioned to lock down the east and south doors of central office and begin the investigative process for a new plan to be accepted in executive session. Stephanie True made the second and motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Zurwell also notified the board of the award of a RIF (Reading is Fundamental) Grant that was awarded to Therese Hamilton at Kennard Elementary. This grant will allow for the purchase of three books for each student's personal use.

VI. Unfinished Business

Two board policies were presented for second reading. The first was "Denial of Board Consideration of Student Expulsion Appeals". David Bundy motioned to accept the policy with a second by Stephanie True. Roll call was given for the votes.

Kevin Knott-No

Debi Ware-yes

Wade Beatty-No

David Bundy-yes

Stephanie True-Yes

Ron Womack-Yes

Michael Fruth-Yes

Motion passes 5-2.

The second policy for board consideration was the "Use of Tobacco on School Premises". Kevin Knott motioned to accept this policy with a second by Debi Ware. The motion carried 7-0.

VII. New Business

A presentation was given by Rex Pasco from Hancock Communications to change our telephone as well as connectivity services between our buildings. This will allow distance learning between some local schools. After Mr. Pasco's presentation our

corporation Technology Director, Bruce Sowers, presented the impact this would have on both student and staff productivity. Wade Beatty motioned to approve the change with a second by Ron Womack. Motion carried 7-0.

A request from Mr. Jim Diagostino for the Graduation Ceremony to be held on May 26, 2007 at 2pm in the KHS Gymnasium. Kevin Knott motioned to approve the request with a second by Debi Ware. Motion carried 7-0.

Indiana State Department of Health has requested that we use their survey at the middle school. Dr. McGuire is recommending that we not participate. Board agreed with Dr. McGuire. He will inform KIS and Mr. Scheumann.

Mrs. Amanda Zurwell is requesting permission to make year-end appropriation transfers. This is an annual process to balance funds to best utilize the available monies. The transfer recommendation is attached. Wade Beatty motioned to approve with a second by David Bundy. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Informational Item

Dr. McGuire updated the board on the progress of Neola and board policies. The first part of the process is complete and the first draft will be available in January. An all day work session will need to be scheduled. After this is complete, the policies will go back to Neola for updating then will go through proper approval channels.

IX. Public Comments

There were no requests to speak.

X. Items from board members

A letter of resignation was given to the board from Stephanie True. Her resignation from the School Board is effective December 31, 2006. Board members expressed their gratitude for her service to the school and that she will be missed.

The Board of Trustees will have 30 days fill the seat from Wayne Township. A classified will be placed in the paper to submit letters of interest to the corporation office to the attention of Michael Fruth.

Open meeting for interviews will be held on January 22, 2006 at 6pm followed by executive session. A second open meeting will be held January 23, 2006 to vote on the new member at 7pm.

Mrs. True was currently serving on the Vocational board. This board meets quarterly. David Bundy will serve out the term on that board for Mrs. True.

XI. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, Stephanie True motioned to adjourn at 9:54pm.

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