

**School Board Minutes
October 17, 2006**

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their meeting to order at 7:32 pm. The meeting was held at Knightstown Elementary School cafeteria located at 8632 S. State Road 109, 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 Dave McGuire, Business Manager Amanda Harvey, Administrative Assistant Jena Schmidt, Transportation Director Janet White
- Knightstown Elementary Personnel: Dr. Tony Triarsi, First Grade-Julie Lewman, First Grade Jana Burton, First Grade Stacy Wyatt, School Nurse Tracie Smith, Media Assistant Jane Selvidge, Kindergarten Honey Hunt, Special Education Vicki Hunt, Third Grade Kristin Crawford, Third Grade Marti Allen, Custodians Patty Tribby, Gail Wisheart and PTO President Sunshine Harding
- CTA President: Tom Crawford
- Media: Jeff Eakins, Knightstown Banner
- Former Board Members: Gerald Leonard

I. Organization of the Meeting

- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Pledge & Moment of Silence

The floor was given to Dr. Triarsi and he spoke of current happenings at Knightstown Elementary School. Their focus this year has included character education. September focused on responsibility; October has a theme of respect and the focus for November will be honesty. Then Dr. Triarsi introduced ten students who read a very short essay of responsibility. They included: Drew Elliott, Deena Miller, Logan Whitaker, Amanda Wolfrom, Allie Rayford, Jackson Edwards, Lauren Wineman, Dallas Edwards, Mason Carmichael, Emma Carmichael, and their teachers were also recognized. The teachers included Julie Lewman-grade one, Marti Allen-grade three, Kristin Crawford-grade three and Dee Scheumann-grade three.

d. Board Communication

The members had nothing to come before board.

e. Student High School Report

Dakota James, Student Council President, gave a short speech on what recent things were happening at the high school. He congratulated the Soccer, Cross Country and volleyball team. He mentioned the upcoming drama play currently practicing and the National Honor Society Inductions coming up next week. He shared his personal experience regarding high school. The board appreciated his time and effort in sharing his experiences at Knightstown Community High School.

II. Consent Agenda Items

- a. Wade Beatty motioned to accept the minutes of September 19, 2006 as previously submitted to the board. A second came from Debi Ware and the motion carried 7-0.
- b. Kevin Knott gave a brief report of the Financial Committee which met at noon to discuss the monthly claims and financial report. Mr. Knott then motioned to accept the reports as previously given. A second came from Wade Beatty and the motion carried 7-0.
- c. The following personnel recommendations were presented to the board for approval.
 - Scott Fields has requested paternity leave from approximately mid-October through the first of December.
 - Robert Abner was recommended as the substitute during the absence of Scott Fields. His license and recommendation are attached.
 - The following ECA positions were submitted for approval:
 - Resignation of Terry Dukeman as Varsity Girls Tennis Coach
 - Kristin Crawford as Girls Jr. High Track Coach
 - Vickie Rhodes as Varsity Assistant Girls Track Coach
 - Angela Jackson as Varsity Softball Head Coach
 - Donny Martin as Varsity Baseball Head Coach
 - Joe Patton as Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach
 - Brad Hale as Boys Golf Coach
 - Cindy Hammer as Girls Tennis Coach
 - Darren Haines as Freshman Boys Basketball Coach (his pay will be split with Matt Shafer who was approved in April)
 - Joe Patton and Kevin Hiner as volunteer coaches for girls basketball
 - Jeff Griggs and Angela Jackson as volunteer coaches for Intermediate boys and girls basketball respectively
 - John Wagner as volunteer coach for KHS wrestling
 - Recommendation to hire Lisel Wilson as Title I Kindergarten Teacher at Kennard Elementary School, her qualifications are attached.
 - Recommendation to hire Shirley Myer (current Kindergarten teacher at Kennard Elementary School) and Lisel Wilson each as ½ time Title I Aides at Kennard Elementary School.
 - Debi Ware motioned to approve all personnel requests as submitted. Stephanie True made the second and the motion carried 7-0.

III. Recognition

- a. The following Public recognitions were made:
 - Henry County Foundation for approving a grant to provide transportation during a summer reading camp for 2007 at Kennard Elementary School
 - Henry County Emergency Management System for providing the 'Smoke House' during Fire Prevention Week.

- The Knightstown High School Alumni for providing funds to the High School to support the PL 221 Plan.
 - Debbie Cleek for her volunteerism at Kennard Elementary which led to a \$1250 donation from Wal-Mart
 - Appreciation to Knightstown Elementary School PTO President, Sunshine Harding for all her hard work on a successful school carnival.
- b. The following Student recognitions were made:
- Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Soccer Team for becoming the 2006 Sectional Runners Up
 - Congratulations to the 7th Grade Volleyball Team for becoming the Henry County Runners Up
 - Congratulations to the 8th Grade Volleyball Team for becoming the Henry County Champions
- c. The following Staff recognitions were made:
- Appreciation to KIS Custodial Staff for their willingness to help when asked by parents
 - Appreciation to Knightstown Elementary School Staff during PTO Carnival. They include: Jackie Jones, Julie Lewman, Jane Selvidge and Tracie Smith
 - Appreciation to all Charles A Beard Staff and Faculty during ISTEP testing in September.

IV. School Improvement Update

This report was given at the beginning of the board meeting.

V. Reports of Superintendent/Business Manager

a. No Future Action

1. The state requires an official ADM (Average Daily Membership) count each year. This year our official student count was 1344 which is down 21.5 students from last year. This results in the projected negative financial impact of \$107,640 according to the DOE Basic Grant and Special Education Distribution Worksheet Estimation tool.

b. Future Action

1. A recommendation by Dr. McGuire to extend the current Principal's Contracts to two years. Also he is requesting that we honor the agreement with James Diagostino upon his negotiation to roll over his remaining sick days. Dr. McGuire stated the administrators are all working effectively and doing a good job and the schools are all performing well. Wade Beatty motioned to allow this to be considered the first reading for final action in November. Kevin Knott seconded and motion carried 7-0.

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to come before the board.

VII. New Business

a. Henry County Foundation has awarded us a grant for \$3257.52 to cover transportation for a summer reading camp at Kennard Elementary School. Debi Ware motioned to accept this grant with a second by Ron Womack, motion carried 7-0.

b. Bus Bids – The recommendation was made by Amanda Harvey to accept the bid from Midwest Transit to purchase two 72 passenger school bus units and one 66 passenger handicap school bus. The total bid for \$210,497. The plan is generally to replace two each year, however, due to additional expense of purchasing (2) mini bus units last year they only replaced one school bus. Ron Womack made such a motion with a second by Stephanie True and motion carried 7-0.

c. Snow Removal Bids – The recommendation was made by Amanda Harvey to accept the bid from Smoot Lawn Care at \$190 per snow removal (cumulative cost after 2” snow accumulation). With language provided in the bids the Smoot bid is lower as Voris Snow Care will charge \$185 for every two inches. Wade Beatty motioned to accept the recommendation of Amanda Harvey. A second from Stephanie True, motion carried 6-0-1 with Debi Ware abstaining.

d. Equipment Disposal – Technology Director, Bruce Sowers is seeking approval to dispose of worthless equipment. A list is attached. With no comments or questions Kevin Knott made the motion to accept the recommendation and Debi Ware seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Board Policy

a. Smoke Free Facility

b. Expulsion Appeals

Dr. McGuire introduced two separate policies for the board consideration. The first reading will be held in November with a final action to take place in December. This is solely for introduction and they will be presented separately for the first reading in November. There was much discussion from the board on hearing expulsion appeals both pro and con. The Indiana State School Board Association will hold a workshop in November on Due Process. Any board member wishing to attend should contact Amanda Harvey or Jena Schmidt.

Comments on the no smoking policy all seem to be positive.

IX. Public Comments

No one requested prior permission to speak to the board, however, Mr. Fruth allowed a parent to speak. Mrs. Dawn Wineman, parent of a first grade student at Knightstown Elementary School, commended the board and the superintendent for their open communication. She also recognized the Banner for their open positive communication. She had a quick question regarding the term of the snow removal contract. She also asked how the disposal of fixed assets will be handled, if hard drives are destroyed and if there were any hazardous materials. These questions were answered to her satisfaction. She stated an opinion on one of the board policies and Dr. McGuire, Mr. Knott, Mr.

Beatty and Mr. Womack all reassured Mrs. Wineman of the security in each of our buildings. Mr. Crawford also spoke to help clarify some of her concerns.

Ron Womack asked if there were appropriate emergency procedures in place for the evacuation of schools in emergency situations. Dr. McGuire stated that these plans are in place and must remain confidential. He also stated that as terrible as the actions are, no matter how much you plan there will always be circumstances beyond planning. Putting the recent rash of school related emergencies national wide, as terrible as it was, there are more children killed every week riding to school on a bicycle. Dr. McGuire then stated “we must manage our fears and the risk. These are the hard realities we are forced to face.”

X. Items from Board Members

The members had nothing further to bring before the board.

XI. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board David Bundy motioned to adjourn.

President

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Vice President

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Secretary

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