

**School Board Minutes
July 18, 2006**

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 in the central office building located at 345 North Adams Street, Knightstown, Indiana. President Michael Fruth called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm with the following board members in attendance: Wade Beatty, Kevin Knott, Stephanie True, Debi Ware and Ron Womack. Also in attendance were Superintendent David McGuire, Ed.D; CTA president Tom Crawford; former board member Gerald Leonard; central office personnel Judy Barnes, Janet White, and Jena Schmidt; Dr. Bob Hartman, NEOLA Presenter approximately four patrons and one media representative.

President

1. Minutes of June 20, 2006 were presented for review.

Stephanie True motioned to accept minutes as presented with a second by Debi Ware – Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes of July 11, 2006 were presented for review.

Ron Womack motioned to accept minutes as presented with a second by Kevin Knott – motion carried 6-0.

2. Approval of Monthly Claims. Wade Beatty discussed the finance committee meeting and recommended that claims from July 1 through July 18 be approved for payment and that claims from June 28, 2006 through June 30, 2006 be open for board discussion. After some discussion Stephanie True motioned to accept claims between July 1, 2006 and July 18, 2006. Debi Ware seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

After some discussion on voucher number 12367, Ron Womack motioned to accept claims from June 28, 2006 through June 30, 2006 with a second by Debi Ware – motion carried 5-1 with Kevin Knott voting no.

Informational Items

9. Upon Board approval, the agenda was set aside to allow for Dr. Bob Hartman to make his presentation from NEOLA, Inc. After some discussion on time frame and cost to the corporation, the Board thanked Dr. Hartman for his time.

Discussion then ensued regarding the need to update our board policy book. It was mentioned to contact other schools in the area that have used NEOLA. Dr. McGuire will have materials and recommendations, in addition to a funding source at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

President

Resuming regular order of agenda items.

3. Corporation Reports - Cafeteria and utility reports. Dr. McGuire asked that next month these reports be included in the claims report. He then mentioned that our corporation food service department, like most in the state, is running in the red. Our goal over the next 2 years is to be operating in the black.

5. No patrons requested to address the board.

Superintendent

1a. Request for extension of sick leave for case #2006-7-18-A. Dr. McGuire recommended this be approved. Kevin Knott so motioned with a second from Stephanie True. Motion carried – 6-0.

1b. Debi Ware motioned to accept an e-mail resignation from Will Porter with a second by Stephanie True. Motion passed – 6-0.

Dr. McGuire recommended accepting the recommendation of Mr. Diagostino on hiring Ms. Julie Neal for the high school social studies position. Ron Womack so motioned with a second by Debi Ware, after brief discussion motion carried 6-0. Wade Beatty motioned to accept the Extra Curricular Activity Appointment as presented by Athletic Director David Bradford with a second by Kevin Knott, motion carried – 6-0.

1c. Dr. McGuire recommended to accept the roster of school bus drivers as presented by Mrs. Janet White, Transportation Director. Kevin Knott made said motion with a second by Debi Ware. Motion carried 6-0.

1d. Dr. McGuire recommended appointing Mrs. Jena Schmidt as our corporation Public Access Officer. Mrs. Schmidt will be the single point of contact for all requests for documents from the public and/or press. Ron Womack motioned to appoint Jena Schmidt as Public Access Officer for Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation with a second by Stephanie True. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Schmidt informed the Board that the State Public Access Counselor, Karen Davis is scheduled to attend the regular school board meeting on September 19, 2006.

2. Contract for budget preparation from Educational Services was presented. With the recommendation from Dr. McGuire, Wade Beatty motioned to accept the contract as presented with a second by Ron Womack. After discussion the motion carried 6-0.

3. After some discussion the following field trips were approved.

a. Varsity Cheerleaders-Cheer Camp from 7-17-06 to 7-19-06

b. Girls Varsity Volleyball-Lake Chapman from 8-4-06 to 8-6-06

Ron Womack motioned to approve these field trips. Kevin Knott seconded and motion carried 6-0.

4. Food Service and fuel bids were opened and the board asked Dr. McGuire to take these bids under advisement and present a recommendation at the next board meeting. Items needed at the beginning of school will be purchased by current vendors under contract with new contracts being issued after approval of the school board.

Bids were received from the following vendors:

Food Service Supplies: Acorn Distributing; Horning Inc.; Hillyard Inc.

Food: Gordon Food Service; Interstate Brands (bread); McFarling Foods

Dairy: Lewis Trauth; Prairie Farms

Fuel: Ag-One LLC; VanHoy Oil (these bids were read)

Kevin Knott motioned to take under advisement and table for next meeting with a second by Debi Ware.

5. Dr. McGuire requested permission to attend three upcoming conferences:

- IASCD conference in Indianapolis on "Failure is Not an Option" registration of \$335 to be covered by a grant.
- IASCD conference in Plainfield titled "Elementary Reading: The foundation for Reading" in Plainfield on October 10, 2006 registration of \$90 to be covered by a grant.
- IPASS orientation/training session in Indianapolis. Hallmarks of Excellence, Inc. will do an assessment, interpretation and follow-up on executive coaching at no cost to the corporation. First session is July 27, 2006.

Stephanie True motioned to approve these training sessions with a second by Wade Beatty, motion carried 6-0.

Items Unknown at the Time the Agenda was Written

1. A contract was received from Educational Services for Collective Bargaining. Wade Beatty motioned to accept the contract with a second by Debi Ware. Motion carried 6-0.

2. A recommendation from Athletic Director David Bradford, Principal James Diagostino and Principal Don Scheumann for teaching and volunteer coaches for various athletic programs. (See attached) Wade Beatty motioned to accept as presented with the exception of Mr. Porter, second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Attendance at a conference approved above.

4. Mrs. Heck is recommending Ms. Beth Childress for the full-time Title I teacher at Carthage. She is also requesting permission to post the vacated position of ½ time kindergarten teacher at Kennard. After some discussion, Wade Beatty motioned to accept as presented with a second by Stephanie True. Motion passed 5-1 with Debi Ware voting no.

5. Letter from Mrs. Heck regarding the lack of air conditioning and the impact on the students. No action needed at this time. Dr. McGuire does not recommend this action at this time due to lack of man power and other funding issues. The board stated that money has been set aside for air conditioning in the elementary schools in the capital projects fund. The decision was made to decline the offer of air conditioners from PTO at this time.

6. Food Service Director Andrea Sharp is proposing a 5 cent increase in school lunch prices for the upcoming school year. Stephanie True made the motion to increase lunch prices, second by Ron Womack. Motion carried 6-0.

Informational items

1. Categories for placement of Indiana schools under Public Law 221 will be released to the press on or about July 20, 2006. The information is embargoed until it is released by the state. Preliminary designations have been received and the Board, staff and patrons of CABeard can be proud of their schools.
2. The Henry County Abuse Reduction Intervention Education Support (ARIES) program is assessing CABeard \$800 for the new elementary drug prevention program that is replacing the current BABES program. This assessment is based on school enrollment and will affect any school receiving services from ARIES. The assessment will be paid when the drug abuse prevention grant is received.
3. The state legislature passed a law limiting the amount of tax on property to 2% of the property's value. The law phases in over the next several years and the effect on local property tax collection and school funding is unknown at this time.
4. Court case affecting expulsions – a July 6, 2006 opinion by the Court of Appeals of Indiana changes the way appeals of expulsions are handled by Indiana School Boards. Boards must now grant all expulsion hearings or have a policy to hear none.
5. Transportation Director, Janet White, has been made aware of law changes that affect our Activities Bus. The material will be distributed to staff.
6. The Title II grant payback for the years 2002 and 2003 must be repaid in four installments of \$13,391.22 with two in 2006 and two in 2007. No repayment is required for 2004. Dr. Jester was unable to get a reduction from the initial repayment request. Some of the cost of belonging to the educational service center and administrative allowance was deducted as staff development related. Additionally, auxiliary staff had been paid from the grant. Although it was not unusual, it was disallowed. Steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence of the problem. The General Fund impact is unfortunate, but CABeard remains solvent.
7. The East Central Educational Service Center (ESESC) requires a board resolution for CAB continued membership. The service centers are

authorized by statute and serve to provide cooperative opportunities in procuring services and materials. The resolution will be presented for action at the August Regular Session.

8. The CABeard administrators will meet at the Indiana Association of School Principals conference room (secured at no cost) in Indianapolis on August 2, 2006. This is an opportunity as the administrators return to do some team building and plan the upcoming school year together.
9. This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.
10. A meeting has been scheduled with the Henry County Health Department to comply with their request regarding the Pandemic Influenza Planning. Any member wishing to be involved in any scheduled meetings should express their interest to the superintendent or to Jena Schmidt.
11. The Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF) requires a Board resolution be passed to allow the new superintendent to execute the PERF requirements. Ron Womack motioned to have Dave McGuire, Ed.D. serve as the agent on behalf of our corporation. Second was made by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 6-0.

Michael Fruth announced that the ISBA fall conference will be held on September 25 & 26, 2006 if anyone is interested.

The ISBA workshop last week was attended by Wade Beatty, David Bundy, Michael Fruth, and David McGuire, Ed.D. Comments were made on the effectiveness of the workshop and that all sessions attended were very good in their content.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ron Womack made a motion to adjourn.

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