

**School Board Minutes  
July 11, 2006**

The Board of School Trustees met in a special session on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 in the central office building located at 345 North Adams Street, Knightstown, Indiana. President Michael Fruth called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the following Board Members in attendance: Wade Beatty, David Bundy, Kevin Knott, Stephanie True, Debi Ware, and Ron Womack. Also in attendance were Superintendent, Dr. David McGuire; CTA President, Tom Crawford; former board members, Jerry Glisson and Gerald Leonard, central office personnel, Judy Barnes and Jena Schmidt; approximately 11 patrons and two media representatives.

**A. Vice President**

1. Michael Fruth asked Mrs. Judy Barnes to swear in the newly elected board members: Wade Beatty, Kevin Knott, and Ronald Womack. Michael Fruth welcomed each new member and thanked them for their willingness to serve on the school board.
2. Elections of new school board officers were conducted. Stephanie True nominated Michael Fruth for President, seconded by David Bundy. Wade Beatty made a motion to close nominations for President with a second by Debi Ware.

Michael Fruth was elected President with a vote 6-0 with Michael Fruth abstaining.

Kevin Knott made a motion to nominate David Bundy for Vice President with a second by Wade Beatty. Debi Ware made a motion to close nominations for Vice President with a second by Stephanie True.

David Bundy was elected Vice President with a 6-0 vote with David Bundy abstaining.

Ron Womack made a motion to nominate Debi Ware for Secretary with a second by David Bundy. Stephanie True made a motion to close nominations for Secretary with a second by Kevin Knott.

Debi Ware was elected Secretary with a 6-0 vote with Debi Ware abstaining.

**B. President**

1. Michael Fruth appointed the following board members as Liaisons, Representatives, and Committee Members:

Legislative Liaison – Kevin Knott

Vocational Coop Representative – Stephanie True

Board Representatives for Bargaining Team – Michael Fruth & Ron Womack

Finance Committee – Wade Beatty, Debi Ware, and Kevin Knott; Stephanie True will serve as the alternate

2. A motion was made by Wade Beatty to have one meeting per month on the third Tuesday of each month and to begin at 7:30 pm with special meetings called by the board as needed. Stephanie True seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Stephanie True moved to appoint Judy Barnes as Corporation Treasurer. Motion was seconded by Ron Womack. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Michael Fruth reminded the board that the contract for Edward Dunsmore would not be renewed per his request but that Mr. Dunsmore would be willing to serve on an as needed basis. David Bundy appreciated his willingness to serve until a replacement could be found.

Wade Beatty motioned to appoint Mr. Dunsmore's services on an as needed basis at the hourly rate of \$150. Seconded by David Bundy and the motion carried 7-0.

### **C. Superintendent**

1. Dr. David McGuire recommended the following Office Staff Transfers: Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant for Superintendent and Curriculum. Mrs. Schmidt will work 12 months/40 hours per week at a salary of \$27,132.00. Andrea Sharp, Administrative Assistant for Food Services. Mrs. Sharp will work 12 months/40 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$10.75 and in January her rate will increase to \$11.08.

Ron Womack moved to approve the recommendation as presented. Debi Ware seconded, motion carried 7-0.

Michael Fruth welcomed Dr. David McGuire and Jena Schmidt and explained that Jena Schmidt would be taking minutes at each regular and special school board meetings.

2. Dr. McGuire requested permission to post Business Manager/Student Assessment Position. The proposed posting is attached. Kevin Knott asked about the posting of Business Manager as opposed to Curriculum Director. Dr. McGuire informed the board that he would be assuming the role of Curriculum Director. Discussion about where the vacancy would be posted followed. Dr. McGuire will post the position on the IASBO website; ISBA website, Ball State University, Indiana University, Purdue University, Indiana State University, Department Of Education, internal postings in each school building, and in central office.

Wade Beatty motioned to post the position as presented. Kevin Knott seconded, motion carried 7-0.

3. Dr. McGuire asked for the approval of Summer School teachers as presented in a letter from Dr. Jester.

Motion to accept as recommended by David Bundy  
Seconded by Stephanie True, the motion carried 7-0.

#### **D. Items Unknown at the time the Agenda was written**

There were no items in this category

#### **E. Informational Items**

1. IDOE letter reporting on their May 15, 2006 on-site monitoring of Title I program. The letter is dated June 22, 2006. The Superintendent and Title I principal will respond to the state within the required 30 days to address the areas of non-compliance. The letter from Lee Ann Kwiatkowski, director is attached.
2. The Charles A. Beard Classroom Teachers Association delivered a letter dated July 5, 2006 requesting the board to initiate the bargaining process for a successor agreement. The Letter from CTA is attached.
3. Dr. McGuire informed the board that the State Public Access Board has offered to meet with the board if the school board wishes to do so. Additionally, the Superintendent will propose to appoint Jena Schmidt as the corporation Public Access Officer at the next board meeting. David Bundy agrees with the recommendation and board was agreeable to set a time for the State Public Access Officer to attend a board meeting.
4. Dr. McGuire will propose next meeting to hire Educational Services for preparing the budget this year and for collective bargaining. The Superintendent stated that this consultant will have no impact on the budget due to the fact that the Curriculum Director position has been vacant since February.
5. Knightstown Elementary School was recognized for their fourth nine weeks honor roll. 38 students in grades 3-4 received all A's and B's.
6. The Indiana Department of Education 2005 Annual Report provided data to the board. This data is not readily available in other publications.
7. The minutes from the June 20, 2006 board meeting was presented and will be acted upon next meeting.
8. The superintendent and three board members will be attending the ISBA Summer Board Member Academy the end of this week.
9. The newest Corporation Newsletter was provided to the board.

Kevin Knott asked if there was a time frame to come in compliance with the items listed on the Title I on-site monitoring. Dr. McGuire stated most issues will be easily corrected and he will meet with the Title I principal to work on correcting the non-compliant issues.

Michael Fruth mentioned that a representative from NEOLA will be attending next week to review the policy.

The next School Board meeting will be held in central office building on July 18, 2006

**Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Board Stephanie True made a motion to adjourn.

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