

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their meeting to order at 7:35 pm. The meeting was held at the Administration Office located at 345 North Adams Street, Knightstown, IN 46148. Those in attendance were:

- Board Members: Wade Beatty, Leah Kopp, Kevin Knott, Larry Selvidge, Debi Ware, Ron Womack
- Central Office Staff: Dr. Ray Pavy, Superintendent; David Bundy, Business Manager; Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant; Michelle Swift, Treasurer
- KHS Language Arts Teacher Rachael Shepherd
- CTA President: Thomas Crawford
- Media: Jeff Eakins
- Approximately 7 patrons

**I. Organization of the Meeting**

**A.** Call to Order at 7:35 pm  
Wade Beatty explained Michael Fruth was absent due to the death of his father in northern Indiana.

**B.** Roll Call – Six members present.

**C.** Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

**D.** Board Communication

The board was updated on upcoming dates and events.

**II. Recognition**

**A. Public Recognition**

- ❖ Thank you to Knightstown American Legion for the donation of classroom flags at all elementary schools.
- ❖ Thank you to Dr. Doug Huynh for providing free dental screenings for second grade students.
- ❖ Thank you to One Side Later band for providing entertainment at Rock'n'Roll Family Night. Members include Bryce Robertson, Stuart Cotton, and Jon McKinney.

**B. Student Recognition**

- ❖ Congratulations to Dallas Edwards for his artwork on the cover of the Courier-Times Creative Kids section.
- ❖ Congratulations to Brittany Taylor for first time ever to receive a 5<sup>th</sup> year Super Reader trophy.
- ❖ Congratulations to Ian James for being selected to illustrate the thank you to the Knightstown American Legion.
- ❖ Congratulations to the Cooperative Students of the Month at KES. They include: Grace Mattix, Dylan Chandler, Keegan York, Skyla Smith, Connor Judd, Trinidie Newby, Rayannon Overman, Brendan Anderson, Jessica Butler, Shelby Hampton, Maggie Threet, Evan Nolen, Mason Carmichael, Elaine Suesz, Josiah Jackson, Makenna Leisure, Lindley Prescott, Peyton Willoughby, Hannah Apollos, Allie Phillips, Codey Miller, Lauren McCorkle, Jordan Cooper, Morgan Erwin, Meghan Cupp, Lacy Roberts, Max Rinehart, and Andy Selvidge.

### **C. Staff Recognition**

- ❖ Congratulations to Mike McKillip and custodial staff for a 100% compliance report from the State Fire Inspector.
- ❖ Congratulations to David Bradford for completing all requirements to become a Certified Athletic Administrator (CAA).

### **III. Consent Agenda Items**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes**

March 18, 2008 regular session minutes were presented. Kevin Knott motioned to approve minutes as presented with a second by Debi Ware. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **B. Approval of Claims/Financial Report**

Larry Selvidge presented finance committee report on behalf of the committee and motioned to approve the monthly claims. Leah Kopp seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion carried 6-0.

#### **C. Personnel Recommendations**

1. Dr. Pavy recommended approving the retirement of Mrs. Beth Willard as Speech/Hearing Specialist at the end of this school year. Debi Ware motioned to reluctantly approve the retirement with a second by Larry Selvidge. After some discussion praising her dedicated service to students, the motion was approved 6-0.
2. Dr. Pavy recommended approving volunteer Softball coach, Mr. John VanOsdol. Leah Kopp motioned to approve with a second by Ron Womack. With no discussion, motion carried 6-0.

### **IV. Reports of Superintendent and Business Manager**

Dr. Pavy asked to discuss the textbook adoption at this time as Mrs. Shepherd, KHS English Department Head, was in attendance. Mrs. Shepherd discussed the recommendation and curriculum mapping all teachers have completed relative to Language Arts. KHS is recommending the adoption of novels and to continue the use of the current literature books as they are on the adoption list and still in good condition. Dr. Pavy then explained the adoption process of all grade levels and mentioned samples were made available. After some discussion, Larry Selvidge motioned to approve the recommendation of Dr. Pavy and Mrs. Shepherd to adopt the recommended materials for grades K-12. A second was given by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **A. Reports for No Action**

##### **• Superintendent**

- Summer School Update - After discussions with CTA, it was recommended all elementary grade levels will be taught during a morning session as these sessions have a higher attendance average. This year credit courses will also be given. A student may receive up to one credit in Algebra I or Algebra II or in English 9, 10, 11 or 12.
- PL221 Category Placements - CAB School Corporation did not receive any re-assignments. Dr. Pavy stated this report is measured on improvements and not performance.
- Dr. Pavy then asked Mr. Dan Webber, President of Knightstown Neighborhood Crime Watch to give a brief presentation. Mr. Webber stated the goal of the

organization is to reduce drug and crime activities in the neighborhood and community. The Hoosier Gym has also offered space for the Crime Watch to have a central office. The next meeting of the crime watch will be held Thursday evening.

- Dr. Pavy also asked Detective Sergeant Anthony Darling, Undercover Narcotics Officer, to speak in conjunction with Mr. Webber. Detective Darling stated he is interested in information involvement. He gave a brief presentation on the problems currently facing our community. He stated the law enforcement is a good source to work crime watch, local law enforcements as well as school leadership. He stated by sharing information we are able to work together to address problems and become proactive in problem areas. He shared the phone number to call if you had any tips for illegal activity in your area. 521-DRUG

## B. Reports for Action

- Dr. Pavy recommended the approval of an out of state field trip to Philadelphia, PA for our KHS History club. Our local chapter will be joined by the Blue River School History Club in April 2009 for this trip. After some discussion regarding cost and chaperones, Kevin Knott motioned to approve with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.
- Tax Anticipation Warrant Bids – One of the bidding banks to be discussed is the employer of a board member; therefore Debi Ware was not involved in any discussions surrounding these bids either during the Finance Committee or school board sessions. David Bundy reviewed the bids received from Star Financial and Mainsource. The loans will be repaid as soon as tax money is received. After some discussion, Dr. Pavy recommended the approval of the resolution and to begin the process to move forward with the bid from Star Financial Bank. Larry Selvidge motioned to approve the recommendation to secure the loan with Star Financial Bank with a maximum amount of 1.5 million dollars. A second was given by Ron Womack. After some discussion, Ron Womack stated his belief that the general public is not aware of the financial requirements to operate a corporation and it is sad to be forced to borrow money in order to educate our children. Motion carried 5-0-1 abstention from Debi Ware due to a conflict of interest.
- Ron Womack motions to make Leah the temporary secretary for the purpose of signing this resolution to avoid a conflict of interest. Larry Selvidge gave the second. Motion carried 5-0-1 abstention of Debi Ware due to a conflict of interest.
- Full-Day Kindergarten – A proposal was received to institute a program that would allow Title I students at Carthage and Kennard Elementary the opportunity for an all day kindergarten class. The students would attend half day with general education students and half day with a Title I teacher. General education students will continue to attend one-half day. This opportunity will not be mandatory and at the discretion of Title I parents. Debi Ware motioned to approve the recommendation with a second by Ron Womack. After a brief discussion motion carried 6-0.
- Dr. Pavy presented a pilot program proposal for full-day kindergarten at KES for the 2008-2009 school year. The program will create two full-day classes and maintain one half-day class. The pilot program will be evaluated at the end of the year and will be upon parental agreement. Extensive evaluations of both pilot programs will be conducted to evaluate the value as to the continuance of the program. The program will not require any additional costs. Kevin Knott motioned to approve the recommendation of a one year pilot program with a second by Larry Selvidge. After

some discussion motion carried 6-0. Dr. Pavy also stated both proposals have gone through the discussion process with CTA.

- Curriculum guide for KHS – Dr. Pavy stated the dates and names have been updated. Some items relative to course titles have been changed; however course content remains the same. There has been a significant change relative to the change in diploma requirements. Some additions relative to GQE waiver process and general diploma requirements have also been added. One course was dropped (Mass media) as it has not been offered in several years and covered by other courses. Larry Selvidge motioned to approve the curriculum guide as presented for the 2008-2009 school year with a second by Ron Womack. Motion carried 6-0.
- Request from Technology – A list was provided for approval for the disposal of computer equipment that is deemed worthless. David Bundy recommends approval. Debi Ware motioned to approve the recommendation with a second by Larry Selvidge. After some discussion motion carried 6-0.
- Dr. Pavy informed the board that the IDOE Grant for Full-Day Kindergarten has been submitted even though there are no plans to institute the program for all students next school year. The grant was a requirement for participation in the 2009-2010 school year and to avoid penalty this process was completed. This possibility will require discussion in the future.

#### **V. Unfinished Business**

- No reports to come before the board

#### **IV. New Business**

- No reports to come before the board
- Debi Ware stated the School Board Scholarships have been received and gave a reminder to provide your contribution to Central Office.

#### **VII. Board Policy**

- No reports to come before the board

#### **VIII. Public Comments**

- There were no patrons who requested to address the board.

#### **IX. Items from Board Members**

- Kevin Knott asked to review records that have been previously redacted and have been the source of contention with The Banner and several record requests. He stated his opinion on allowing services of the board attorney to compile 11 hours of services to review the request from a board member as well as the newspaper. He stated he has “the privilege to review any and all records. I am concerned that attorney fees, taxpayer dollars, were used this way”. “I feel that money was spent in ways that should not have been done. I continue to feel strongly about that.” Wade Beatty asked if this request was a motion to review the documents. Kevin Knott stated no.
- Wade Beatty stated the documents were deemed confidential by a previous board and previous board counsel. Therefore, it would take board action to release and un-redact those documents.

- Kevin Knott again stated this action causes concern that he is not allowed to see and review the documents. However, he was not prepared to put it into a motion.
- Leah Kopp motioned to open and review the records during an executive session of the board prior to the regular session in May. Ron Womack made the second to review the documents during executive session. The matter was opened for discussion; Debi Ware asked is an attorney needed to be present? Ron Womack then stated the board acts together and not individually. He emphasized together the board is responsible. If confidential information gets out it is the responsibility of the board. He emphasized the importance and ethical responsibility of each board member to maintain confidentiality as the board would be wholly responsible. Kevin Knott confirmed that action regarding these documents must take place during the public session.
- Leah Kopp then asked Kevin Knott why he did not make a motion months ago if this was a personal conflict or issue. Kevin Knott reiterated his earlier comments that he brought this to the table in September and again in February. With no further discussion, motion carried 5-1 with Wade Beatty casting the negative vote.

X. **Adjournment**

- With nothing further to come before the board Larry Selvidge motioned to adjourn at 9:31pm.

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