

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their meeting to order at 7:37 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, Michael Fruth
- Central Office Staff: Dr. Ray Pavy, Superintendent; David Bundy, Business Manager; Administrative Assistant, Jena Schmidt
- CTA President: Thomas Crawford
- Media: Jeff Eakins, Bethany Tabb
- Approximately 2 patrons

I. Organization of the Meeting

- A. Call to Order at 7:37 pm
- B. Roll Call – All 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

- ❖ David Bundy, Don House & Sunshine Harding and the Knightstown community for their outpouring support for a community member in need.
- ❖ Angela Moore, Angela Halicki, and Lisa Byrd for serving on the elementary textbook adoption committee.

B. Student Recognition

- ❖ Library Dictionary Race winners – 1st place Noah Wilson; 2nd place Jarrett Weidner; 3rd place Jackson Edwards.
- ❖ Jarrett Weidner for maintaining high academic scores despite adversity.
- ❖ KES Self-Discipline Students of the Month: Cymbre Hoover, Kira Smith, Makayla Bowling, Cora Sherman, Emily Loveall, Kasen Kinnaman, Cameron Dean, Nova Hager, Olivia Jordan, Greta Reydell, Emma Carmichael, Tucker Personett, Kaleb Buchanan, Kori Wright, Katherine Tielking, Gary Roberts, Hannah Apollos, Alicia Wilfong, Emma Grubbs, Jon Lukens, Cora Nolen, Ben Willey, Brock Harding, Spencer Mattix, Tori McDonald, and Lacy Thomas.
- ❖ Freshman Boys Basketball team for their second consecutive tourney champ win.
- ❖ Kennard top Lexile students: Devyn Schaeztle, Elizabeth Moore, Hannah Frost, Levi Holder, and Jacob Haste.
- ❖ Kyler Schaeztle for mastering his multiplication facts in just five weeks.
- ❖ Ryan Johnson for reading through the Reading Trophy requirements three times.

- ❖ Annie Moore and Ryan Johnson for creating Reading Rocks gym wall display.

C. Staff Recognition

- ❖ Nelson White, Bus Mechanic for a perfect passing rate for mid-year as well as last summer and mid-year 2007.
- ❖ Mindy Conklin, Kristin Crawford, Julie Lewman, Linda King, Katie Calvert, Judy Sadler, and Cynthia McDonald for organizing and leading Math Curriculum Prioritization.
- ❖ Katie Calvert for showing compassion and professionalism during the loss of a student.
- ❖ Susie Leonard and Tracey McDaniel for assisting students and staff during the loss of a student.
- ❖ David Bundy, Susie Leonard, and Jena Schmidt for the efforts above and beyond to ensure submission of a grant to acquire funds for an elementary social worker.
- ❖ Mike McKillip and KES custodial staff for their efforts in making sure heat was maintained in that building.

III. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Minutes

January 15, 2008 – Kevin Knott motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Ron Womack made the second. The motion carried 7-0.

B. Approval of Claims/Financial Report

Wade Beatty presented the finance committee report. Upon completion of the report, Wade Beatty motioned to approve the monthly claims and financial reports as presented. Larry Selvidge provided a second to the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Personnel Recommendations

1. Wade Beatty motioned to approve the resignation of Mary B. Pribble, KHS Custodian, with a second by Leah Kopp.
2. Dr. Pavy also informed the board of his approval for volunteer, Mark Simmermon, to assist the girls' basketball program. Wade Beatty amended his motion to include this volunteer. Leah Kopp agreed to the amendment with no discussion the amended motion carried 7-0.
3. A recommendation from Athletic Director was received for Cynthia Hammer as Girls Varsity Tennis Coach. Larry Selvidge motioned to approve the recommendation with a second from Ron Womack. The motion carried 7-0.

IV. Reports of Superintendent and Business Manager

A. Reports for No Action

- Superintendent
 - Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) Update – AYP is based on NCLB criteria. As a school corporation CAB passed AYP. Further details can soon be found on the IDOE web-site.

- Notification was received last week that CAB will be receiving a grant from AT&T through Henry County Community Foundation in conjunction with Ball State University. This grant will help fund a wireless system for Kennard Elementary and surrounding communities. The grant was written by Technology Director and funding is approximately \$23,000.
- High Ability Update – In the last general assembly, the legislature identified that every corporation must identify a high ability program for grades K-12. We have been meeting with a field coach to help identify those programs through assessments, curriculum, and continuity between grade levels. Once this plan has been established it will be presented to a Broad Based Planning Committee who will then make a presentation to the school board that will encompass up to a ten year plan. The goal is to have a presentation to the board for the May or June meeting.
- Business Manager
 - Mr. Bundy contacted the county to gain information relative to property taxes. The county stated nothing has been received regarding rates. Possible payments can be expected as early as August 24 or as late as December. He stated the board should be prepared for a possible discussion relative to possible loans. The county clerk did mention there are schools who have already asked for advance draws. CAB has not had to request those funds at this point.

B. Reports for Action

- Two out of state field trips:
 - Grade 8 to Washington DC and Gettysburg PA – Wade Beatty motioned to approve with a second by Kevin Knott. With some discussion, motion carried 7-0.
 - KHS Dance Team requests to stay overnight in Crawfordsville for their regional competition. Debi Ware motioned to approve with a second by Ron Womack. Motion carried 7-0.
- The CAB school board recommended we extend the appointment of Ross Miller; appoint David Steele and Jane Selvidge to the Knightstown Public Library Board. Ron Womack motioned to accept the appointments with a second from Wade Beatty. The motion carried 6-0-1. Larry Selvidge abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

V. Unfinished Business

- 08-FC-17 – The formal advisory opinion was received January 28, 2008. The Public Access Counselor determination stated “It is my opinion the Corporation’s Board did not violate ODL because it did not take final action by reference to agenda number or item alone.”
- 08-FC-38 – Received from the PAC on January 14, 2008. – Formal response was sent January 29, 2008 a formal advisory opinion is due by February 13, 2008. This complaint took approximately 9 hours to compile and formulate the required response.

- January 10, 2008 Record Request from Banner – Documents was made available to the Banner on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 and was picked up by Jeff Eakins on February 6, 2008. CAB is working with attorney to complete the request. To date request has taken approximately 8 hours to compile with one remaining category outstanding. (30 documents)
- January 18, 2008 Record Request from CTA – This request was made available on February 4, 2008 and took approximately 3.5 hours to complete. (4 documents)

IV. New Business

- There was none to come before the board.

VII. Board Policy

- There were no board policies to come before the board.

VIII. Public Comments

- Tom Crawford, CTA President requested to address the board on February 6, 2008 at 9:28 am. He stated an elementary social worker was still needed. He stated we are here for students, and he feels the board's priorities are in the wrong place. He also stated IDOE has released a survey indicating the need for social workers.
- Jeff Eakins, Editor of The Knightstown Banner requested to address the board on February 7, 2008 at 3:58 pm. He indicated the Banner and CAB are at odds with the PAC regarding public records. He stated the board owes the patrons of the school corporation an explanation as to why CAB is not following PAC's advice. He again encouraged CAB to be more forthcoming in providing rationale. He asked the issue be revisited.

IX. Items from Board Members

- Michael Fruth stated his appreciation for Mr. Eakins comments, however the PAC is an opinion and it is her duty to provide those. Our attorney also has an opinion, and it is the board's intention to follow the advice of our attorney.
- Kevin Knott then stated his opinion remains the same. It is his belief it is within the rights of an elected official to review those documents. He also agreed the board should continue the form of open government and he stated he is aware of the two different opinions.
- Michael Fruth rebutted, board members do not have individual rights, and the board can only take action as a collective body, not individually. This information is listed in the code of ethics and it also follows the advice of the school board attorney.
- Kevin Knott then stated that as a representative of those who have elected him and respectively as a board member, I should have every right to review any and all records of the corporation.
- Michael Fruth finally stated that if the school board collectively motions to approve that recommendation, then it can be reviewed. It is a board action –

not an individual action. He again stated the board acts as a collective body and not as an individual.

- Kevin Knott respectfully submitted the other opinion. He also stated “in the best interest of the corporation and the children we serve, I believe as an elected member of this board I have a right to express my views”.

X. Adjournment

- With no further business to come before the board, Wade Beatty motioned to adjourn at 8:45 pm

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