

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their meeting to order at 7:33 pm. The meeting was held at the Administration Office located at 345 North Adams Street, Knightstown, IN 46148. Those in attendance were:

- Board Members: 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; Michelle Swift, Treasurer
- CTA President: Thomas Crawford
- Media: Jeff Eakins, Bethany Tabb
- Approximately 1 patrons

I. Organization of the Meeting

- A. Call to Order at 7:33pm
- B. Roll Call – Six members present. Wade Beatty was not present.
- C. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Board Communication (see report)

The board was updated on upcoming dates and events.

II. Recognition –

- A. Public Recognition
  - ❖ To the school communities for their support of area families through various charities during the Christmas Season.
- B. Student Recognition
  - ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class officers for being actively involved in the KIS canned food drive.
  - ❖ Cast and Crew for a job well done on “The Christmas Express”
  - ❖ The following Knightstown Elementary Students were recognized as Respectful Students of the Month in December: Holden Gross, Harley Peavler, Taylor Tompkins, Kasen Kinnaman, Gideon Mitchell, Jordan Criswell, Brodi Bertram, Austin Guffey, Lori Thomas, Elizabeth Loveall, Kori Wright, Gary Roberts, Connor Brookbank, Arynn Darling, Olivia Moss, Kyleigh Mayhew, Jacob Bearhope, Jordan Ventresco, Emma Vise, Lily Vise, Corey Speicher, Jared Wasson, Emma Grubbs, and JT Butler.
- C. Staff Recognition
  - ❖ Julie Anderson & Patti Keesling for their organization of the KIS canned food drive.
  - ❖ Faculty & Staff for overwhelming response to canned food drive. KIS collected 1358 items and Tri High collected 485 items.

- ❖ Gloria Means & Mindy Conklin for their organization of the KES canned food drive. KES collected 1545 items.

### **Special Recognition**

To all community, staff & students who have shown such an out-pouring of love and expressions of sympathy in the tragic loss of Braden Wesmoreland. Braden was a kindergarten student at Carthage Elementary School.

### III. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes  
December 18, 2007 – Kevin Knott motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Larry Selvidge made the second, motion carried 6-0.
  
- B. Approval of Claims/Financial Report  
Debi Ware presented the finance committee report. Upon completion of the report, Debi Ware motioned to approve the monthly claims and financial reports as presented. Ron Womack provided a second to the motion. Kevin Knott thanked the business office for providing the memorandum section on the claims docket. Motion carried 6-0.
  
- C. Personnel Recommendations
  1. Dr. Pavy recommended a reduction in contract days for Shirley Heck. Her contract will be for 210 days and her salary will be adjusted accordingly. Larry Selvidge motioned to accept the recommendation with a second by Debi Ware. Motion carried 6-0.
  2. Debi Ware motioned to approve Chris Underwood as Jr. High Girls Track Coach with a second from Ron Womack. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Kevin Knott abstaining stating that the recommendation did not provide clear information. No action was taken on the Girls Tennis Coach.

### IV. Reports of Superintendent and Business Manager

- A. Reports for No Action
  - Business Manager
    - Reported the corporation received 98.7% of the property taxes from Henry County and 97.8% from Rush County.
    - The Courier Times has advertised tax rates. He also reminded the board that the amount advertised is always higher than what is instituted. Mr. Bundy stated in all likelihood, the tax rate will be similar to last year.
    - Mr. Bundy also stated the corporation may need to borrow money again next year due to the projections that property tax collections will be later than what was received this year.
    - Mr. Bundy informed the board that past due textbook rental is approximately \$25,000. This figure covers approximately 51 parents and 71-72 students. This

is an improvement over previous years. The Business Office will file in small claims court for the past due amounts.

**B. Reports for Action**

- The Business Office recommends approval for year end transfers. This action will balance the books for year end. Larry Selvidge motioned to approve the recommendation with a second by Kevin Knott. After some discussion the motion carried 6-0.

V. Unfinished Business

- The school board was updated on the completion of two public records requests received from the Banner. These requests took approximately three hours to compile the required data.

IV. New Business

- The school board was updated on a formal complaint the Banner has filed with the Public Access Counselor. A response will be sent as requested. An additional record request was hand delivered on January 10, 2008.
- 2008-2009 School Calendar was presented. The parent teacher conferences will cover two days lasting until 7:00pm. Graduation is anticipated to be held on May 30, 2008 in the afternoon. The calendar has also gone through discussion with CTA. Larry Selvidge motioned to accept the calendar as presented with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 6-0.
- School Board is asked to appoint three members to the Knightstown Library Board. Lois Brooks has completed four terms, David Blower has resigned, and Ross Miller (current President) as requested to be reappointed. The Library Board meets monthly and is a four year appointment. Names will be presented next month for approval.
- On Thursday central office was notified that the school board would need to set percentages on the Annual Performance Report. Dr. Pavy made a recommendation that percentages for 2008 remain the same as 2005-2006 school year. Ron Womack motioned to approve as presented with a second by Larry Selvidge. After a brief discussion the motion carried 6-0.
- A Public Forum to solicit comments concerning the Superintendent Search was scheduled for March 11, 2008. The forum will be held in the Knightstown High School cafeteria. The forum will begin at 7:00 pm.

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 January 9, 2008 at 11:03 am. He stated a social worker is still needed at the elementary level. He distributed some information for possible grants that are available.
- Jeff Eakins, Editor of The Knightstown Banner requested to address the board on January 10, 2008 at 3:35 pm. He encouraged all board members to review records. He again requested that CAB answer questions presented over two years ago regarding cafeteria reports. He also requested that CAB amend their public speaking policy, and finally touched on e-mail procedures.

IX. Items from Board Members

- Kevin Knott thanked all who supported the local family during the recent tragedy.
- Leah Kopp expressed her favorable response on the KHS band performance.
- Michael Fruth clarified his previous request for reasons for an abstention to a vote. Current policy requires that all members state a reason for an abstention.

X. Adjournment

- With no further business to come before the board, Debi Ware motioned to adjourn at 8:36pm

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