

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their meeting to order at 7:32 pm. The meeting was held at the Administration Office located at 345 North Adams Street, Knightstown, IN 46148. Those in attendance were:

- Board Members: Michael Fruth, Wade Beatty, Debi Ware, Kevin Knott, Leah Kopp, Larry Selvidge, and Ron Womack
- Central Office Staff: Dr. Ray Pavy, Superintendent; David Bundy, Business Manager; Administrative Assistant, Jena Schmidt; Michelle Swift, Treasurer; Andrea Sharp, Food Service Director
- CTA President: Thomas Crawford
- Media: Jeff Eakins
- Approximately 6 patrons

I. Organization of the Meeting

- A. Call to Order – 7:32pm
- B. Roll Call – All present
- C. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Board Communication

The board was updated on upcoming ISBA conferences and seminars.

II. Recognition

- A. Public Recognition
 - ❖ Thank you to Kennard Friends Church for purchasing two Phonics Ear Amplification Systems for two classrooms at Kennard Elementary at a cost of approximately \$1300.
 - ❖ Thank you to Chris Millis & Larry Smith for training staff in Fire Extinguisher Safety.
 - ❖ Thank you to Chanda Hastings & Pam McConnell for providing High 5 Character banners.
 - ❖ Thank you to Kim Dalton for writing a positive article for the Knightstown Banner.
 - ❖ Thank you to Marla Green for many volunteer hours in the classroom.
 - ❖ Thank you to Rodney Schmidt for his time in providing sound engineering expertise during the production of the Jr. High Drama production.
- B. Student Recognition
 - ❖ Congratulations to Katherine Tielking & Jackson Edwards for being the first Super Readers.
 - ❖ Special recognition to Alex Millis for being an honest student and returning found money.
 - ❖ Recognition to Grace Holder and Lexi Goodpaster for being first in their class to take a SRC quiz by themselves.
 - ❖ Congratulations to Ryan Johnson, Annie Moore, Kyler Schaetzle, & Brayden Walters for being the first SRC Reading Rocks trophy winners.
 - ❖ Special recognition to Owen Cooper for outstanding citizenship.
 - ❖ Special recognition to Alaina Schmidt, Bryce Eoff, Sean Mullany, Erin Bundy, Katie Kinser, Bailey Cook, Jessica Goodman, Austin Downey, Adam Chew, Trent McDonald, Baylie Hochstedler, Andre Loveall & Brittney Horth for their time and efforts in the comedy production of “The Christmas Express”.

- ❖ Congratulations to the KIS Spell Bowl Team, Ray Smith, Leah Heim, Julie Vaughan, Kayla Weddle, Erika Messer, Tiffany Hunsinger, Austin Sawicki, Kayla Pruitt, Spencer Roberts, Addie Couch, & Shelby Patton.
 - ❖ The following students showed great respect during the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence recently: Jaden Edwards, Parker Ashby, Devin Hamilton, Isaiah Halicki, Perry Milton, Miriah Lewis, Kayla Pruitt, Connor Stolle, Jessica Stoten, & Jacquelyn Hastings.
 - ❖ Congratulations to Megan Grant for successfully graduating from the Henry County Academy for Community Leadership.
- C. Staff Recognition
- ❖ Good job to Jane Rodgers for great work in organizing a fundraiser for elementary PE.
 - ❖ Special thanks to Mr. Tom Crawford for his work in the production of the programs for the Jr. High Drama production.
 - ❖ Thank you to Mr. Don Scheumann, Mr. Chris Bundy, & Mr. David Bundy in their efforts to make “The Christmas Express” a reality.
 - ❖ Ron Womack added Philip Scholl for his wonderful organization on the trip to the Trans Siberian Orchestra

III. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Minutes

November 20, 2007 – Wade Beatty motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Debi Ware made the second, motion carried 7-0.

B. Approval of Claims/Financial Report

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

C. Personnel Recommendations

- Retirement of Judy Neal effective December 31, 2007. Debi Ware motioned to approve this recommendation with a second by Kevin Knott. With some discussion regarding Mrs. Neal’s dedicated service to the corporation, the motion carried 7-0.
- Larry Selvidge motioned to approve the employment Carissa Brammer on a 97 day temporary contract for the remainder of 2007-2008 school year in grade one at Carthage Elementary. Leah Kopp made the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- ECA Position recommendations were given for Jr. High Girls Track and Girls Varsity Tennis. Debi Ware motioned to table this recommendation until David Bradford could attend a meeting. Larry Selvidge seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

IV. Reports of Superintendent and Business Manager

A. Reports for No Action

- ISTEP information has been received and a summary was provided to the board. Building administrators have received the scores for their building and there is a small window to request rescoring. The summary of principal’s is “we think we can do better”. Michael Fruth asked when the test would be administered in the spring. Dr. Pavy responded that date is still to be determined by IDOE, as not all issues have been worked out.

- Boys Varsity Basketball make-up game has been rescheduled for Friday evening, December 21, 2007.
- Kernan Shepherd report has a couple items that specifically suggest things school corporations should do. One item listed is a joint purchasing venture. We are currently using six joint purchasing ventures. A second item is consolidation. It is his recommendation that if a corporation has less than 2000 students, consolidation should take place.
- Food Service Report-Andrea Sharp was asked to give a brief report. Over a comparison from the same time last year, an increase of 1493 lunches and/or breakfasts have been served over last year. Mrs. Sharp provided the board with a summary. The board thanked Andrea Sharp and told her to keep up the good work. Michael Fruth asked if the reimbursement from the state for free and reduced students' cover the cost of the meals. The answer is yes.
- David Bundy- Stated the final advance draw from both Henry & Rush county has been received. It is expected the corporation will receive final settlement from Rush county by Friday, December 21, 2007 and from Henry county by December 27, 2007.

B. Reports for Action

- The Business Manager is seeking approval to make yearend transfers. A full report of the transfers will be given in January. The State Board of Accounts require that no negative balances be carried over. Wade Beatty motioned to approve the transfers with a second by Debi Ware. After some discussion the motion carried 7-0.
- David Bundy asked for approval of a Resolution that PERF requires. This resolution is to remove Diana Arellano and add Michelle Swift and Lori Paul. This will allow these individuals to handle any issues, correspondence and reports that deal with PERF. Kevin Knott motioned to accept this resolution with a second by Larry Selvidge. Motion carried 7-0.

V. Unfinished Business

- Debi Ware motioned to move the regular session for the school board to take place on February 12, 2007 at 7:30pm. Leah Kopp seconded and motion carried 7-0.
- Kevin Knott presented on behalf of the finance committee to continue with Indiana Insurance for property & casualty insurance. Mr. Josh Estelle was present to answer any questions. There was some discussion on the approval of the addition of terrorism coverage. This addition will not affect the premium for this term. Kevin Knott motioned to add the addendum. A second was given by Wade Beatty. After some discussion, motion carried 7-0.

IV. New Business

- The board was notified of two records requests given the past month by the Knightstown Banner.
- Kevin Knott addressed the board and stated he has been given an opportunity to advance in his career and as a result will be unable to remain on the Finance Committee. Larry Selvidge, alternate, will serve as a member and Leah Kopp was appointed as alternate for the remainder of this school year.

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 December 13, 2007 at 12:20pm. He stated some concerns that KIS counselor is currently counseling an elementary school student. He stated our students are in need of some help. He asked that the board work on this request.
- Jeff Eakins, Editor of The Knightstown Banner requested to address the board on December 13, 2007 at 12:25pm. He expressed his appreciation of CAB providing records as requested. He again asked the board to revisit the issue of releasing four memos in un-redacted form and allow board members to review these records. Secondly, he again asked that his questions of over two years ago regarding the cafeteria program be answered. He asked that the school board be more transparent and open.

IX. Items from Board Members

- There were no items from the board members.
- Ray Pavy expressed his wishes that every member have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

X. Adjournment

- With no further business to come before the board, Debi Ware motioned to adjourn at 8:59pm.

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