

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a special session to order at 6:03 pm. The meeting was held at the Administration Building located at 345 N. Adams Street, Knightstown, IN 46148. Those in attendance were:

Attendance:

- Board Members: Wade Beatty, Steve Dalton, Kevin Knott, Leah Kopp, Thomas Schaetzle, and Timothy Wehr
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent; David Bundy, Business Manager; Jena Schmidt, Human Resource Specialist
- Educational Services: Tom Mandon, Don Dyck
- Media: Jeff Eakins
- Patrons: Approximately 2 patrons

I. Call to Order

A quorum was present; Mark Fort was not in attendance. Gary Storie asked that the board allow consultants from Educational Services speak regarding facilities planning.

II. Strategic Planning Work Session

Mr. Don Dyck from Educational Services began speaking about what his company can do to help in the facilities planning process for Strategic Planning. A portfolio was distributed to each member. Don Dyck stated the voice of every patron should be heard and have multiple discussions until a consensus can be reached. He clarified that very little votes should be taken. It is important that the board listen to what the community has to say. Gary Storie then stated this information is to be taken under advisement and with a venture of this magnitude he asked the board if it may be a good investment to bring experts in this area to the panel.

Kevin Knott questions the reality of the community as a whole would have an informed voice.

Don Dyck, then spoke in greater detail how their company would facilitate such a group and ensure that the community voice is heard. His belief is it is the community's responsibility to bring recommendations to the board. Then the board should make the important decision to ensure the community voice is heard. Our company firmly believes "form follows function".

Steve Dalton asked some question regarding funds required to retain the services as well as his concern regarding board members not being on the community task force and the size of the task force being too large to reach consensus. Don Dyck then explained in his experience he had not had a problem with the size of the task force. Their focus would be to make sure all groups are continually communicating and giving responsibilities to smaller sub groups. The parameters should be set up front by the board.

Thomas Schaetzle asked if this discussion may be a little premature since the board is in the beginning process of strategic planning and how the board could get the community involved. Educational Services stated this is probably timely and community attendance at various meetings should not be measured by the number of lines in the newspaper. He then stated a large number of items would be used. For instance, technologies in many forms are used to reach the community.

Don Dyck will send a list of deliverables as well as a listing of ideas of who to include on the task force. He will send an outline as well as a sample from a school they have worked with of similar size.

The board thanked Educational Services for their presentation.

Gary Storie distributed copies of draft belief statements prepared to date as well as samples of questionnaires to various sub groups. His recommendation was to take samples home to evaluate and present ideas and/or suggestions at the next meeting. He then asked the board to communicate any questions that should be added or deleted. The meeting was turned over to Thomas Schaetzle to facilitate.

Personnel

- Educators are leaders and as such, their role is to inspire students to want to learn and to achieve mastery of educational material.
- Personnel should foster relationships that help students build hope and confidence in themselves and their future.
- All personnel regardless of position are accountable for the success of the corporation.
- Professional Development and job training are essential to successful education of students.

III. Other

The board entered into discussion regarding putting the Community Relations category into the goals section of this process. Discussion regarding refunding issues was brought to the table. Steve Dalton asked if an architect could be brought in to help with estimating.

The Board scheduled two work sessions for Strategic Planning; April 8 & 29, 2009 beginning at 6:00pm. Both sessions will be located at the Administration Building. An executive session will be posted for 5:30 prior to the April 8th meeting.

Gary asked that proposals be given at the May board meeting instead of April. David Bundy then stated his thoughts regarding the number of people placed on the task force and the groups that should be included. A question about a survey for a sub group of community members who may not have any ties to the school or corporation should also be included.

The Board has completed the belief portion of the Strategic Planning process. Thomas Schaetzle asked the Board to come back on April 8th with a mission/vision statement for

discussion. It was also discussed to have one belief statement regarding Health Safety and Wellness.

IV. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board Wade Beatty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

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