

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their regular session to order at 7:05 pm. The meeting was held at the Knightstown Community High School located at 8149 W. US 40, Knightstown, IN 46148. Those in attendance were:

Attendance:

- Board Members: Wade Beatty, Steve Dalton, Mark Fort, Leah Kopp, Kevin Knott, Thomas Schaetzle, and Timothy Wehr
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent; David Bundy, Business Manager; Jena Schmidt, Human Resource Specialist
- Building Principal's: Scott Ritchie, Steve Wherry
- Classroom Teachers Association President: Tom Crawford
- Media: Jeff Eakins, Bethany Tabb
- Patrons: Approximately 8 patrons

I. Call to Order

Roll call was taken and all members were present. Kevin Knott requested all in attendance to stand for the Pledge to the American Flag followed by a moment of silence.

II. Minutes

The minutes of February 17, 2009 and February 23, 2009 were presented. Wade Beatty moved to accept the minutes. Mark Fort gave the second, motion carried 7-0.

III. Claims

Steve Dalton reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. He then moved to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$1,206,605.23. Timothy Wehr gave the second. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Public Expression

- Dorothy Hatton, 320 N. McCullum Street, Knightstown, Indiana. Stated her concern that the sports facilities are not in one location. She stated it could be very costly if there is an accident involving one of the students and she would like to see the board move toward planning toward that end goal.

V. Old Business

- There was no old business to come before the board.

VI. New Business

- The Superintendent informed the board he would like to contract with Educational Services to perform a group insurance analysis in cooperation with the bargaining process. Kevin Knott stated this is one item he would like to see the board move forward with. This corporation currently has insurance coverage for a family in the amount of \$25,000+ when the average is in the \$15-16,000 range. He believes this could be a cost savings and a win-win situation for the corporation, employees and the tax payers as well. Wade Beatty moved to accept the contract with a second by Leah Kopp. After some discussion, motion carried 7-0.
- Summer School – The Superintendent is asking for approval to administer Summer school remediation for grades 7-8 and credit recovery for grades 9-12. Summer School will cost approximately \$24,000. It is currently in the budget. The state will reimburse a certain amount of that depending on several

factors. The Superintendent is asking to approve Summer School and to seek reimbursement from the state. After some discussion, Thomas Schaetzle moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 7-0.

- School Calendar – The Superintendent presented a calendar for the 2009-2010 school year. The proposed calendar had been through discussion with the CTA. Wade Beatty moved to accept the calendar with a second by Thomas Schaetzle. After some discussion regarding early release for professional development, motion carried 7-0.
- Facility Planning – The Superintendent informed the board the possibilities that exist for future plans. He discussed the need of air conditioning at all Elementary Buildings. The Intermediate school is in need of HVAC work as well as electrical and lighting updates. The High School will need some more energy efficient HVAC controls as well as some sports facility planning. The Superintendent stated he was presenting very soft estimates that have been provided from architects. After the presentation a lengthy discussion between board members and the Superintendent ensued. Kevin Knott asked the Superintendent if he is requesting an advisory panel be created. After more discussion, Gary Storie stated a broad representation should be placed on such a panel. Steve Dalton then emphatically stated nothing being discussed tonight would result in an increase in taxes to the local taxpayers. Kevin Knott then asked to go on record that the board was not discussing anything that would increase taxes. Steve Dalton moved to allow the Superintendent to establish an advisory panel to explore options and assess where things are currently. Thomas Schaetzle stated it may be prudent for the board to have individuals with expertise in the options that may be discussed also be included on the panel. The Superintendent said the use of the architect may be an option as well as Educational Services. Wade Beatty made the second, after more discussion motion carried 7-0.
- The Superintendent asked to pass on the nominees for the Building Corporation in order to allow time for him to speak with the nominees and see if they would be interested in being members of the building corporation. The Building Corporation has asked the board to supply a list of possible names for vacant positions. The Superintendent will defer to the Board President to communicate with the Building Corporation.

VII. Personnel

- Beth Clapp, KHS Head Cook – retirement effective the end of this school year.
- Bob Prescott, Track Coach - bus driver for athletic events
- Dawn Basicker & John Howell – Basketball Intramural Sponsors

Steve Dalton moved to accept recommendations as presented by administration and the Superintendent with a second by Timothy Wehr. With no discussion, motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Superintendent Reports

- The Superintendent presented his financial reports for the board to review.
- The Superintendent also presented a brief update on Strategic Planning. – Future Strategic planning meetings were suggested and will be discussed on Monday, March 23, 2009. Gary Storie also reminded the board of the posted executive session beginning at 5:30pm prior to the Special Session for Strategic Planning on March 23, 2009.
- AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) was presented to the board. The Superintendent stated the corporation as a whole did meet requirements for AYP this year. Knightstown Elementary School did not meet AYP.

IX. Other

- The Board President asked the board to adopt a resolution allowing Strategic Planning Sessions be held at a separate location. Wade Beatty moved to continue Strategic Planning at the Administration Building with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 7-0.

X. Public Expression

- Thomas Crawford – CTA President – Stated he was not representing CTA with his comments. He said it was his understanding the board would be refinancing the bonds on this building. Kevin Knott stated no final decision has been made. He went on to say it was an option. Thomas Crawford then stated if two years would be added to the bond, the tax payers would have an additional two years of taxes, therefore, in essence taxes would increase. Steve Dalton stated that is thirteen years down the road and the board cannot speculate what will happen thirteen years out. Theoretically, it is not an increase or a decrease. Kevin Knott stated the bonding issue is scheduled to end in 2022. If the board adopts the additional two years, that would in fact push those payments out for two more years. Wade Beatty stated if the 1.2 million was pulled out, it would not extend the bonds. Only if money was added to existing bond.
- James Hope, 120 N. McCullum Street, Knightstown, IN – Stated the corporation currently had sports facilities, he feels if more were added it should be put on a bill for the tax payers to vote on. He thinks the money should be put back on the school. Kevin Knott stated for clarification, the board was in the discussion phase – no decision had been made.
- Steve Dalton, School Board Vice President – Stated, in his opinion, this corporation needs to compete with surrounding corporations. Over thirteen years, five additional students would bring in a quarter of a million dollars. He expressed this decision is not just about the short term, the board needs to look long term. James Hope then asked if the new tennis courts at the high school had increased the population.
- Kevin Knott, School Board President – stated the fact that no air conditioning exists in any elementary building. The board has many objectives on the table to peruse and look at. He would like to listen to what the Building Corporation and community has to say. He encouraged all to attend the meetings.
- Gerald Leonard, 6675 S. Grant City Road, Knightstown, IN – Stated he was a member of the school board when the new high school was built. The board decided to scratch a covering/awning in order to build tennis courts due to the courts in major need of work at the Intermediate School.
- Jeff Weiland, 309 Blaine Street, Knightstown, IN – asked the board to look at the demographics created. He informed the board that over half of the taxpaying entities in our corporation are farmers. This group will have a big impact. He also expressed his desire to have representation from this group to be placed on the advisory committees.

XI. Adjournment

- With no further business to come before the board Wade Beatty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

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