

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their regular session to order at 7:00 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, Kevin Knott, Thomas Schaeztle, 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, Christine Brokamp and Shirley Heck
- Classroom Teachers Association President: Tom Crawford
- Financial Advisor: Lonnie Therber
- Performance Services: Dale Bozell and Bob Wede
- Media: Jeff Eakins
- Patrons: Approximately 10 patrons

**I. Call to Order**

Roll call was taken and six members were present. Leah Kopp was not in attendance. Kevin Knott requested all stand for the Pledge to the American Flag followed by a moment of silence.

**II. Minutes**

The minutes of January 20, 2009, January 26, 2009 and February 9, 2009 were presented. Kevin Knott had an amendment to the minutes of February 9, 2009. He would like to include discussion with Jim Hope that occurred at the end of the meeting. Wade Beatty moved to accept all minutes with the amendment noted. Mark Fort gave the second, motion carried 6-0.

**III. Claims**

Steve Dalton gave a report on behalf of the Finance Committee. He then moved to approve claims as presented. Wade Beatty gave the second. There was some discussion surrounding the process in which claims are reported. After discussion, motion carried 6-0.

**IV. Public Expression**

Darren Turner, Director of Boys & Girls Club of Hancock County - 1642 E. 400 N., Greenfield, IN – The club proposed exploring an after-school program in the elementary schools. Information on the program was previously sent to the Superintendent. Gary Storie asked the board for approval to gather additional information and meet with representatives for further explanation. Kevin Knott thanked the representatives for their time and presentation. The board approved the Superintendent to explore this proposal.

**V. Old Business**

- Central Office appraisals – Two appraisals were received by Pfister and McQueen. At this time, the Superintendent is recommending to put this issue on hold until the future of the Indiana Soldiers & Sailors Home is determined. Wade Beatty moved to table this issue until a feasible time in the future. Steve Dalton gave the second and motion carried 6-0.

- Lonnie Therber – Refunding Update. Lonnie Therber gave an update to the board on activity since he last presented in September 2008. He mentioned the refunding did not occur in November 2008 as planned due to a spike in interest rates. He presented two options and explained those to board members. He further explained the refunding would be an option to provide funding for any upcoming projects. After a lengthy discussion between the Board and Lonnie Therber, the Board decided to hold the decision. The board decided recommendations for the use of funds should occur prior to refunding. The Finance committee will meet with the Building Corporation and Mr. Therber to discuss the possible options.
- Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students – the Superintendent recommended approval as presented. The policy meets the present needs of the corporation. The current year’s general assembly may enact legislation that will require this policy be revisited in the future. Thomas Schaetzle moves to accept the policy as presented with a second by Wade Beatty. After a brief discussion, motion carried 6-0.
- Extra-Curricular Activities Drug Testing Program – This policy is being revisited. A question was raised asking if this policy was in conflict with the Athletic Policy previously approved in the student handbook. The Superintendent stated he believed these policies can co-exist. After some discussion, the Board made no amendments to the policy.

## **VI. New Business**

- Performance Services gave an informational presentation on a proposal for a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract. The Superintendent spoke in favor of this type of project and recommends the board allow the Superintendent to bring proposals to a future meeting. Thomas Schaetzle moves to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and move forward with a request for qualifications. Mark Fort gave the second and motion carried 6-0.
- ISTEP Presentations – Mrs. Heck shared the scores from both Kennard and Carthage. She presented a slide show and explained the 2008 scores. She discussed the positives, negatives and current strategies to improve the areas of concern. Ms. Brokamp then presented a power point on the results of 2008 ISTEP for Knightstown Elementary. She also stated the positives, negatives and presented strategies that will address and improve the areas of concern noted by faculty.
- Weighted Grades – The Superintendent presented a proposal on behalf of the High School Principal for weighted grades in targeted advanced classes. He stated this recommendation will encourage students to be less reluctant to enroll in more rigorous classes. The proposed scale was provided to the board. Kevin Knott spoke in favor of the proposed scale. After some discussion between several board members, Wade Beatty moved to approve the proposed weighted scale. Kevin Knott gave the second and motion carried 6-0.
- The Superintendent recommended the Board allow him to seek application from the Department of Education for an advance from the Common School Fund. This would allow the school to acquire computers in one lot. Payment for the technology would occur over time. Thomas Schaetzle moved to go forward with the application. Mark Fort gave the second and motion carried 6-0.
- Field Trip approvals – Fifth grade teachers requested approval for a field trip to Cincinnati, Ohio and Newport, Kentucky. This is an annual trip taken for the last several years. The FFA is also requesting to attend an overnight Judging Competition at Purdue University. Steve Dalton moved to approve both requests with a second by Mark Fort. Motion carried 6-0.

**VII. Personnel**

- Nathaniel Cockrill on a temporary contract for Chemistry to cover a Leave of Absence.
- Alison Conway, Kevin Hiner and Joann Stoten as substitute bus drivers for the corporation. They have completed all the required training.
- Jena Schmidt as KIS Academic English Coach in the amount of \$111.

Steve Dalton moved to approve all recommendations with a second by Wade Beatty. Motion carried 6-0.

**VIII. Superintendent Reports**

- Financial Reports were presented by the Superintendent.
- Strategic Planning update was given to board members. The Superintendent gave a reminder of an upcoming Strategic Planning session on Monday, February 23, 2009.
- Updates were given on upcoming ISBA workshops. If any member would like to attend they were asked to notify central office.

**IX. Other**

- The Superintendent informed the Board a response had been received from the Public Access Counselor. This was her decision on the formal complaint filed by the Knightstown Banner.
- Kevin Knott read a thank you from Don and Dee Scheumann for thoughts and prayers on the passing of his mother.

**X. Public Expression**

- Esther Brock – 6123 W. 750 S., Spiceland, IN – Thanked and commended the Board on their approval of weighted grades at the High School level. She stated she was glad to hear the Board was in favor of them.

**XI. Adjournment**

- With no further business to come before the board Wade Beatty moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

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