

February 9, 2009  
Special Session  
Board Meeting

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Special Session to order at 6:00 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, Mark Fort, Kevin Knott, Leah Kopp, Thomas Schaeztle, and Timothy Wehr
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent
- Media: Jeff Eakins
- Patrons: Approximately 4 patrons

**I. Call to Order**

Roll call was taken all members were present. Kevin Knott welcomed all who attended and turned the meeting over to Thomas Schaeztle.

**II. Strategic Planning Work Session**

Thomas Schaeztle provided an overview of the strategic planning process as well as a review of work completed to date. He indicated the goal of this meeting was to come up with belief statements pertaining to two or three more domains.

During the session board members discussed belief statements about curriculum and instruction as well as budget and finance. After about an hour and half of dialogue the following statements were drafted:

- Curriculum and instruction is based on research-proven methods that enable real-world application of skills.
- Curriculum and instruction must be aligned with the standards set by the State of Indiana.
- Instruction is enhanced when students are provided interesting and engaging experiences.
- It is the role of the school corporation to promote a high level of participation in post-secondary education and training.
- Financially sound school corporations maintain an appropriate amount of working capital to insure student success in all economic climates.
- Education return on investment is achieved when school corporations maximize educational achievement through prudent use of its resources.

- Taxpayers have a right to expect the school corporation to be a good steward of all its revenues.

After developing these belief statement drafts, board members indicated their desire for the Superintendent to share the drafts with all staff members and elicit feedback. The Superintendent indicated he would do so and forward any feedback he receives from staff members to members of the board.

Thomas Schaetzle then instructed the board to reflect on the belief statements drafted this evening and offer suggestions for refinement at future strategic planning meetings. He also said at the next meeting board members would continue developing such belief statements for the other domains.

Just before adjournment, school patron, James Hope, expressed he was dissatisfied with the board for the recent pay raise approved for the staff. He also expressed his belief the school is spending beyond its means, and that taxes are going up. Board members Thomas Schaetzle, Steve Dalton, and Mark Fort responded by indicating they thought the pay raises were appropriate since the staff at CAB had not received a raise in three years, and that the school corporation did not spend more money than it received in 2008. Steve Dalton also indicated that local taxpayers can expect a reduction in their property tax bills this year.

With nothing further to come before the board, the meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

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