

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, Kevin Knott, Leah Kopp, Thomas Schaetzle, and Timothy Wehr
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent; David Bundy, Business Manager; Jena Schmidt, Human Resource Specialist; Janet White, Transportation Director
- Building Principal's: Scott Ritchie, Don Scheumann, Chris Bundy, Christine Brokamp
- Classroom Teachers Association President:
- Media: Jeff Eakins
- Patrons: Approximately 7 patrons

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

The minutes of December 16, 2008 were presented. Leah Kopp moved to accept minutes. Wade Beatty gave the second and motion carried 7-0.

III. Claims

Wade Beatty gave a report on behalf of the Finance Committee. He then moved to approve claims as presented. The total claims were \$2,789,875.48. Leah Kopp gave the second and motion carried 7-0.

IV. Public Expression

There were no patrons who expressed an interest to speak during this time.

V. Old Business

- Board Policy – Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students-2nd Reading – Gary Storie suggested the board to adopt the policy with the exception of the statement in parenthesis in #1 on page three. After some discussion regarding tuition possible legislation, Wade Beatty moved to table the policy until the next regular session. Steve Dalton gave the second and motion carried 7-0.

VI. New Business

- School Insurance Proposal – A presentation was given by Chad Leakey, Agent of Record. Chad Leakey gave an overview of the coverage for the corporation through Indiana Insurance. The Agent went through a packet that had been given to each board member prior to the board meeting. After much discussion and questions from

the board, Kevin Knott moved to approve the coverage as presented plus to include the VERC Coverage in the amount of \$300,000 for a cost of \$187. Thomas Schaetzle gave the second and motion carried 7-0. Chad Leakey will provide prompt answers to questions from the board to Gary Storie, Superintendent.

- ISTEP Results Presentation-Don Scheumann, Scott Ritchie – Mr. Scheumann gave a presentation on KIS ISTEP results. Chris Bundy then stood to give a few observations he has made in the last five years. Scott Ritchie gave a power point presentation on the ISTEP scores for KHS. There was some discussion. The board thanked the two administrators for their time and dedication to students.
- Transfers to Rainy Day Fund – David Bundy, Business Manager explained the recommended transfers to the Rainy Day Fund. The Board adopted a Resolution at a previous meeting to establish this fund. A recommendation was presented to transfer a total of \$100,000.00 from the following funds:
 - Fund 350 – Capital Projects \$40,000.00
 - Fund 200 – Debt Service \$18,000.00
 - Fund 600 – Pre-School Special Education \$20,000.00
 - Fund 410 – Transportation \$22,000.00

Gary Storie stated the corporation's tax supported funds ended 2008 with increased cash balances. Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 7-0.

- Contract for Credit Recovery – Gary Storie presented a service contract for a credit recovery course recommended by administration to help students in jeopardy of graduating this spring. The Superintendent explained the course is an economical way to provide assistance to students. After some discussion, Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 7-0.
- Change in Technology Personnel – Gary Storie presented information regarding distribution of duties in the Technology Department. This re-distribution of duties among existing staff will prevent replacing the Computer Technician position recently vacated. This will result in a savings in the General Fund in the amount of approximately \$15,000.00. The Superintendent stated there will be no pay increases to affected personnel at this time.
- Bus Replacement – Janet White, Transportation Director and Nelson White, Bus Mechanic presented a proposal for bus replacement. Janet White recommended using the bidding process through East Central. This would result in a net savings of 3-5%. The Transportation Director and Bus Mechanic recommend approving the purchase of two Bluebird Busses at a cost of \$157,066. This price also reflects trading in two busses currently in the fleet. Two companies have been contacted and both stated if the corporation purchased outside the East Central Coop bidding process the cost would be 3-5% higher. However, the quoted price is only good through January 31, 2009. If this deadline is missed, the corporation would be required to purchase the busses at the higher 2009 prices. Also, the corporation will not have another opportunity until April. After much discussion, Steve Dalton moved to accept the proposal up to the bid amount presented. Wade Beatty gave the second and motion carried 7-0.

VII. Personnel

- Resignations – Gary Storie informed the board of two resignations.
 - Emily Maynard, Speech & Hearing Teacher

- Jamie Trautmann, Junior High English Academic Coach
 - Employment Approval – The Superintendent stated a Speech & Hearing Therapist is a requirement for the corporation to meet the individual educational plans of several students. He then recommended approving Beth Willard, retired Speech & Hearing Therapist to assist second semester. He also informed the board, that no applications have been received to fill this vacancy. He also stated this would not be a regular teacher’s contract. After much discussion, Steve Dalton moved to accept the amended language on contract for services presented. Tim Wehr gave the second and the motion carried 7-0.
 - ECA Appointments – The Superintendent recommended the following assignments:
 - Michelle Leonard – Second Semester after School Choir - \$500.
 - Gloria Means – KES Historical Society - \$153.00
 - Bob Prescott – Varsity Football Coach - \$6689.00
 - Scott Stanley – Assistant Varsity Football Coach - \$3011.00
 - James Jahrsdoerfer – Varsity Cross Country Coach - \$3347.00
 - KC Salter – Junior High Cross Country Coach - \$1148.00
 - Jim Kayajan – Volunteer Baseball Coach
- Wade Beatty moved to approve all recommendations. Leah Kopp gave the second and the motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Superintendent Reports

- Financial Report – The Superintendent supplied financial reports to the board. He then pointed out the end year cash flow balances for 2008. Gary Storie expressed credit needs to be given to David Bundy, Business Manager; Dr. Ray Pavy, Interim Superintendent; and the previous board for making the necessary hard decisions to reduce General Fund in a multiple of areas. He then stated all bills have been paid for 2008, including the Special Education bill. A master contract was settled with teachers along with two years retro pay. He then called attention to the bank balances. A report detailing the balance transfers approved from the regular session in December was also included.
 - The Superintendent then read the Fiscal Goals for 2009. “It is the goal of this school corporation to increase the overall percentage of its expenditures for resources and personnel pertaining to improving academic achievement and instructional support. It is also the goal of this school corporation to reduce the overall percentage of its expenditures for overhead, operational, and nonoperational support whenever it is feasible and does not detract from the safety and support of our students, nor adversely impact the optimal learning environment of our facilities.” After some discussion, the Superintendent stated more definitive numbers may be set during strategic planning sessions. He also stated the numbers would be a part of the Annual Performance Report. Thomas Schaetzle moved to accept the Fiscal Goals for 2009 with a second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 7-0.
- Strategic Planning – The Superintendent reminded the Board on Monday, January 26, 2009 beginning at 6:00pm would be a strategic planning work session. This open session will be located at the Administration Building.
- Other Items – The Superintendent stated Indiana Soldiers & Sailors Children’s Home has been recommended for closure by the Indiana Department of Health. The corporation currently has 25 Knightstown High School students attending the

vocational programs located at that facility. Robert Hobbs, Area Careers Vocational Director, met with area superintendents to discuss the programs and possibilities should the recommendation occur. Gary Storie also stated he had attended a meeting with Senator Leising, at her request, earlier in the week regarding several items set to come before the legislature.

- The Superintendent informed the Board he had received a record request from The Knightstown Banner. The request was for all e-mails to and from the School Board and Gary Storie. He felt the request was not specific enough and denied the initial request. The Banner has filed a formal complaint with the Public Access Counselor (PAC). The Superintendent provided each Board member a PAC handbook as well as e-mails. He asked each Board member to review them. He also stated the corporation could make redactions to portions in conjunction with law.

IX. Other

The Board was provided with a thank you letter from a past recipient of the School Board Scholarship. After some discussion, the Board decided to fund a scholarship to be awarded this year. Leah Kopp and Thomas Schaetzle agreed to review the applications and recommend a winner. The Board was informed that each member would be personally responsible to contribute \$100.00 to fund the scholarship as this is not a school funded.

X. Public Expression

There were no patrons wishing to address the board.

XI. Adjournment

Kevin Knott expressed his thanks to David Bundy, Gary Storie, faculty and staff for their hard work in making the corporation financially solid. With no further business to come before the board Wade Beatty moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

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