

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 Schaeztle, and Timothy Wehr
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent; David Bundy, Business Manager; Jena Schmidt, Human Resource Specialist; Mike McKillip, Facilities Director
- Classroom Teachers Association President: Tom Crawford
- CTA Representatives – Jane Rodgers, Bill Riehle
- Media: Jeff Eakins, Bethany Tabb
- Patrons: Approximately 23 patrons

I. Call to Order

Kevin Knott called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and asked for roll call. He then led the pledge to the American Flag followed by a moment of silence.

II. Minutes

The minutes of September 16, 2008 and October 8, 2008 were previously submitted. Wade Beatty moved to approve the minutes as presented. Leah Kopp gave the second and motion carried 7-0.

III. Claims

Steve Dalton presented the Finance Committee report. He then moved to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$2,451,071.90. Wade Beatty gave the second and motion carried 7-0.

IV. Commendations/Recognitions

The Superintendent submitted a letter from Christine Brokamp recognizing students of the month at Knightstown Elementary School. Kevin Knott also recognized VeeAnn Schmidt for her efforts in planning and organizing a trip for eighth grade students to Washington DC and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The board expressed their thanks and gratitude for her time in organizing this wonderful successful experience for students.

V. Public Expression

No patrons spoke during this section.

Kevin Knott requested a change in the agenda. The next item for discussion would be the Preliminary Bond Resolution. The bond is a result of a debt to the New Castle Special Services. A judgment with a specific time frame must be followed. Michael Wallman has been working with the attorney for New Castle. The authorization sought is approval for the judgment filed and for Ice Miller to issue a bond. Michael Wallman stated this is a necessary step; however it can be pulled at any time. He also informed the board that as long as the bonds are sold and payments are made, no delinquent or additional fees

would be charged. If authorized, a schedule has been established by bond counsel to provide payment is made by year end. A public hearing will be held on November 18, 2008 to allow the process to move forward. Steve Dalton moved to proceed and accept terms as written on the Preliminary Bond Resolution. Mark Fort gave the second and motion carried 7-0. Steve Dalton then moved to accept the excerpts of minutes as written with a second by Mark Fort. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. Old Business

The Board conducted interviews for two candidates to provide legal services for the school corporation. The candidates were: Brian Howey from Allen Wellman McNew of Greenfield, Indiana and David Day from Church Church Hittle & Antrim of Fishers, Indiana.

Both candidates gave a presentation to the board. There was some discussion and questions from the board to each candidate. They were each thanked for their time and presentations. The candidates were excused from attendance.

Kevin Knott asked the board for direction. He acknowledged the board was not on a specific time frame. The Superintendent was asked his view on the candidates. Gary Storie expressed his appreciation for the work from Michael Wallman. He has provided a prompt response and feedback to to all inquiries to date. He then stated both candidates are worthy, however his recommendation would be for David Day and the firm of Church Church Hittle & Antrim, due to the wealth of knowledge and information his firm is able to bring to the table. After some discussion regarding previous counsel, Leah Kopp moved to move forward and appoint Church Church Hittle & Antrim. Steve Dalton gave the second. A member asked if Michael Wallman would continue as counsel until contract has been signed with new attorney. After some discussion Leah Kopp withdrew her motion until a written proposal could be received from David Day. The Superintendent will speak with the candidates and have a proposal prepared for the regular board meeting in November. Until a proposal is signed the corporation will continue to use Michael Wallman. Kevin Knott requested information indicating how much time Michael Wallman has worked on the refunding and bond issue.

The Superintendent summarized the policies ready for second reading. They are: Mileage Reimbursement, Cell Phone Policy, and Purchasing Policy. Timothy Wehr requested the policies be discussed separately. Steve Dalton moved to approve the Mileage Policy as written with a second by Timothy Wehr. Some grammatical errors were noted so motion carried 7-0 pending changes noted.

Mark Fort asked how many cell phones the policy would apply to. The Superintendent stated he was looking at four: Maintenance, Transportation, Technology, and School Nurse. Wade Beatty moved to accept as written with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 5-2 with Timothy Wehr and Mark Fort casting the negative votes.

After some discussion regarding language on page one, Timothy Wehr moved to table the Purchasing Policy. Mark Fort gave the second and motion carried 7-0.

Central Office Property – A letter from Michael Wallman was received explaining the correct legal process for selling any school property. After some discussion from the board regarding certified appraisers, Wade Beatty moved to request services from Alice McQueen out of Rushville and Complete Appraisal Services out of Bluffton. Tim Wehr gave the second. The Superintendent stated it would take time to schedule the appraisals in order to follow the legal guidelines. Motion carried 7-0. Once the appraisals are complete, a final copy will be given to the board.

Strategic Planning – After some discussion, a tentative date of November 8, 2008 was set for an executive session for the purpose of strategic planning. The Superintendent invited any interested member to attend a meeting on October 30 in central office with Mr. Cahill.

The Superintendent stated the refunding issue will be placed on hold due to instability of the market.

VII. New Business

Out of state field trips – Chris Holland-KHS Band; Jana Burton -Varsity Cheerleaders; Kelli Wiley-KHS Dance Team. The Superintendent has communicated with administrators and informed them a detailed supervision plan would be required prior to final approval. He recommends approval from the board pending an approved plan by the Superintendent.

Chris Holland was given the floor to speak. He informed the board a grant in the amount of \$14,000 will be granted in the amount of \$14,000 to purchase a new band trailer. He also informed the board of the schedule the band would follow during their trip. The supervision ratio is 3:1 and the students will be responsible for raising a good portion of the fees. Hotel supervision is controlled and the chaperone list is included in the packet. Kevin Knott thanked Mr. Holland and the band boosters for their work.

Wade Beatty moved to approve all three trips as presented with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 7-0.

Proposal to ratify the master contract – Kevin Knott stated this has been a learning experience with a couple of long nights. He expressed his appreciation to both negotiation teams. He also informed the board the teachers have met and ratified the proposed contract. Mark Fort moved to accept the proposed contract for 2006-2007; 2007-2008; and 2008-2009. Kevin Knott gave the second and motion carried 7-0.

Thomas Crawford asked to speak and the board allowed this. He stated the teachers are in agreement that it is good to have a current contract. We had some long meetings, but the CTA would like to thank the board for their efforts. The Superintendent also thanked Mr. Crawford for his professionalism during this process.

VIII. Personnel

Wade Beatty moved to approve the following ECA recommendations with a second by Mark Fort. Motion carried 7-0.

Kristi Williamson - Co-Sponsor for National Honor Society
Vickie Rhodes – Varsity Assistant Girls Track
Donnie Martin – Head Coach Boys Baseball
Joe Patton – Varsity Assistant Boys Baseball
Jane Rodgers – Varsity Coach Girls Tennis
Jeff Griggs & Bryant Tyler as Volunteers for Boys Basketball

Leah Kopp moved to approve the resignation of Peggy Sweigart as half-time Kindergarten Teacher at Kennard Elementary School. Mark Fort gave the second and motion carried 7-0. The Board extended their well wishes to Peggy Sweigart in her future endeavors.

IX. Superintendent Reports –

The Superintendent presented a Financial Report and a sample Drug Policy currently in use at Rushville Consolidated Schools. He will present a sample policy for first reading at the next regular schedule meeting. Wade Beatty requested a policy be brought after discussion with the Classroom Teachers Association. The Superintendent also requested an upcoming ISBA Workshop be made available to the KHS Vice Principal on Compulsory Attendance. This request was granted.

X. Other

Thomas Schaetzle acknowledged a conflict of interest. He stated his wife currently serves as a substitute teacher for our elementary schools.

Wade Beatty also moved to accept the bid from Voris Construction for snow removal at the Knightstown Community High School. Mark Fort gave the second and motion carried 7-0.

XI. Public Expression

Cary Ellis – 236 N. Adams St., Knightstown, IN – Stated he currently serves as a lay coach for the corporation and is glad to see the prospect of a drug policy. He also stated he would not be opposed to be included in the random testing as it would serve as a testimony to students.

Gerald Leonard – 6675 S. Grant City Road, Knightstown, IN – Asked what would be involved in the strategic planning proposed by the board. The Superintendent stated the board will look at all aspects of the corporation, see where we are now and where do we want to go when it comes to facilities, personnel, etc. It is the desire to set goals and measure progress toward completing those goals. The idea is to have a focus and as things arise, they can be measured against the strategic plan.

With no further business to come before the board Wade Beatty moved to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

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