

**October 8, 2008  
Special Session  
Board Meeting**

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their Special Session to order at 7:08 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: Kevin Knott, Wade Beatty, Steve Dalton, Mark Fort, Tim Wehr, Thomas Schaetzle, Leah Kopp
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent; Michelle Swift, Treasurer
- Classroom Teachers Association President: Tom Crawford
- Media: Jeff Eakins
- Patrons: Approximately 8 patrons

I. Call To Order

Kevin Knott called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and asked for roll call. He then led the pledge to the American Flag followed by a moment of silence.

II. Public Expression

There were no patrons to speak at this time.

III. Special Education Claim – Pre-Judgment Agreement

Kevin Knott read the Judgment. The Superintendent briefly discussed the Pre-Judgment Agreement. He explained the process and his expectations on keeping the bill current in the future. Steve Dalton asked if any potential problems would occur if judgment is not paid by December 31, 2008. The Superintendent expressed his confidence in complying with the terms of the agreement. After some discussion Steve Dalton moved to accept the terms of the suit and move forward as quickly as possible. Mr. Fort seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

IV. Central Office Property

Kevin Knott expressed his views regarding central office property. He asked the board for approval to acquire an appraisal. After some discussion Mark Fort moved to request two separate appraisals. Steve Dalton gave the second. Wade Beatty proposed to amend the motion to bring a list of appraisers to the board on October 21, 2008 for approval. Mark Fort and Steve Dalton agree to the amendment. Motion carried 7-0. Kevin Knott asked for approval to suspend the rules on public expression to allow comments from the public. The board moved on without discussion from the public.

V. Strategic Planning

The Superintendent asked the board to discuss strategic planning. With new administrators and board members, this is a good opportunity to delve into this subject. Kevin Knott stated information was recently acquired during an ISBA meeting concerning strategic planning. Thomas Schaetzle also shared information he learned at the ISBA meeting regarding how to set up strategic planning as well as how to follow a plan. He also discussed ways to track progress. Kevin Knott moved to adopt the planning framework. Thomas Schaetzle seconded motion and the motion carried 7-0.

VI. Other

The Superintendent recommended hiring Educational Services for to conduct an audit of the corporation's financial strength at a cost of \$650. The balance of the fee will be paid by a special grant provided to Educational Services. Without the grant, the cost would be roughly \$6500. After a brief discussion Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation as presented with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 7-0.

VII.

Kevin Knott mentioned the approval last month to purchase a program that would allow internet grades. He suggested the Superintendent work with members of the CTA and prepare a plan to implement this software. Kevin Knott also expressed his desire the program in place by second semester if at all possible. Thomas Schaetzle then asked Tom Crawford to relay his gratitude to all teachers for their willingness to work with them on this issue.

VIII. Public Expression

Tom Crawford, CTA President – Stated the CTA has been working with the superintendent in an effort to get the internet grades live. However, if this program does not work, we would like some leeway to research other software. He along with the CTA will continue to work with the superintendent on this matter.

John Lay, 6224 W , Knightstown, Indiana – Asked what plans were in place for the 1.2 million that was found. The Superintendent explained the money had been left over from the KHS building project, called a contingent fund. There was no decision on how to use the funds or make it available. Mr. Lay then asked why the money couldn't be used to pay the special education bill. Gary Storie explained that fund cannot be used general fund expenses, it can only be used for capital projects or debt reduction for KHS property.

Frank Craig – E Morgan Street, Knightstown, Indiana – Asked if the money was drawing any interest. Steve Dalton stated it was, however the corporation was currently paying more in interest on bonds in being paid back in debt service than we are earning on this contingency amount.

Tom True - 750 S, Knightstown, Indiana – Expressed his thanks for conducting the board meetings in the manner in which they should have always been conducted.

IX. Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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