

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Regular Session to order at 7:03 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, Leah Kopp, Kevin Knott, Thomas Schaetzle, Timothy Wehr
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent; Michelle Swift, Treasurer; Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant;
- School Administrator: Scott Ritchie, Don Scheumann; Christine Brokamp; Jennifer Jacoby
- Media: Knightstown Banner, The Courier Times
- Patrons: Approximately 13 patrons

I. Call to Order

Kevin Knott called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Roll call was taken and noted six members were present. Mark Fort was not in attendance.

II. Minutes

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The above minutes were presented for approval. With no comments, Leah Kopp moved to approve the previously presented minutes with a second by Wade Beatty. Motion carried 6-0.

Claims

Steve Dalton gave a report on behalf of the Finance Committee. He then moved to approve all claims presented in the amount of \$1,187,431.92. A second was given by Leah Kopp. With no question or comments, motion carried 6-0.

The Superintendent asked the Board to consider the elimination of one position in the central office as another cost reduction effort. He stated reorganization has taken place to ensure all duties are completed. The proposed position is currently held by Lori Swincher. Wade Beatty moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation with a second by Thomas Schaetzle. There was discussion on the recommendation. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Leah Kopp abstaining.

The Superintendent also recommended removing Lori Swincher from the signature card from the bank and adding Phyllis Haines and Andrea Sharp to said signature card. Steve Dalton moved to approve the Superintendent recommendation with a second by Timothy Wehr. The motion also included cleaning up any other remaining signatures. Motion carried 6-0.

III. Public Expression

- James Oldham – Sixth grade student from KIS – Stood before the Board and read a statement explaining the trouble and difficulty as a result of technology issues that students at KIS are facing on a daily basis.
- Jim Hope, N. McCollum Street, Knightstown, IN – Ask if the previously approved cut would be the last. The Superintendent answered yes.

- Don Scheumann – KIS Principal – He commended James for his diligence in addressing issues in the appropriate manner. He thought it was very brave to stand respectively before the Board with his concerns about technology at KIS.

IV. Old Business

- Central Office Property – The Superintendent read two bids that were submitted within the advertised time frame.
 - Ruthie Bohnert - \$106,000
 - Rusty Johnson - \$87,200

Rusty Johnson was not present at the meeting to counter the high bid; therefore, Ruthie Bohnert has the high bid. The Board President explained the process and informed the Board decision to move forward was in their hands. Timothy Wehr moved to accept the bid in the amount of \$106,000 with a second by Kevin Knott. After some discussion, motion carried 6-0.

- Technology Upgrades at Knightstown Intermediate School – The Superintendent elaborated on the KIS upgrades that are proposed. He maintains this is a direction the Board should take to upgrade the technology at Knightstown Intermediate School. Thomas Schaetzle would like to recommend acquiring a firm to come in and do an assessment of the needs at KIS and work in conjunction with the Technology Director. Wade Beatty moves to hire a consultant to perform an assessment of KIS to a maximum amount of \$2000 with a second by Thomas Schaetzle, motion carried 6-0. Upon the recommendation of Thomas Schaetzle, Business Solutions will be contacted to perform the assessment.
- The Superintendent presented the Board with a Construction Finance Summary.
- The Superintendent gave a presentation on the cost reductions that have been implemented by the corporation to date. Steve Dalton commends both Gary and Michelle for their leadership and hard work.

V. New Business

- Group Insurance Agreements – The Superintendent stated the Corporation needed to enter into a binder agreement to enter the State’s Insurance Plan, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, which is the current underwriter for the State Insurance Plan. He also stated Anthem will offer a Dental/Vision Plan to be solely employee funded. Finally the Corporation would like to change Life Insurance carriers to Kansas City Life. These companies all comply with the Master Teacher Contract. Wade Beatty moved to accept all parts of resolution as presented with a second by Thomas Schaetzle. With no discussion, motion carried 6-0.
- The Superintendent asked for approval to advertise to receive fuel bids. Steve Dalton asked for copies of the complete specifications. There was much discussion regarding distance in an effort to allow more bidders to compete for the contract. Wade Beatty moved to advertise for fuel bids with a second by Leah Kopp. Specifications will be sent to Board. With nothing further, motion carried 6-0.
- FFA Field Trip – The Superintendent recommended approval for the FFA to travel to Purdue University for an overnight trip in June. Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.

VI. Personnel

- Retirements – Four certified and two support staff submitted their intent to retire. They include: David Blower, Tom Crawford, Vicki Hunt, Gordon Riddle, Carolyn Harding, and Clair Wrightsman. Leah Kopp moved to accept all retirements with a second by Thomas Schaetzle. Motion carried 6-0. The School Board President recognized and thanked each retiree for their dedication and service to the students of the corporation. He also stated a reception will be held in their honor in May.

- Employment Approval – None to come before the board this month.
ECA appointments – No appointments were brought before the Board.

VII. Superintendent Reports

- Financial Report – These reports were presented to the Board for their review.
 - Debbie Wells would like permission from the Board to purge old checks from the books at KIS. The Superintendent stated this request required Board action. Wade Beatty moved to approve the request with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.
- Other Items – A letter was submitted to the Board by Christopher Jenkerson. He is requesting special permission to attend prom with his wife. The current student handbook prohibits anyone over the age of 21 to attend prom, therefore it will take Board action to deviate from policy. Wade Beatty stated, due to extenuating circumstances, he moved to grant permission and approve the request. Leah Kopp gave the second and motion carried 6-0.

VIII. Other

- The School Board President asked what procedure was used to dispose of old computers. The Technology Director stated the State Board of Accounts has guidelines that must be followed. He stated they allow schools to put fixed assets up for auction only if the amount received from the auction is more than the cost to have the auction.

IX. Public Expression

- Jim Hope, McCollum Street, Knightstown, IN – Asked questions regarding if an additional bond would be issued in conjunction with energy dollars. The Superintendent explained how the savings from the energy will fund the debt.
- Unknown patron - Thanked the Board for allowing the waiver for her daughter to attend prom with her husband.

X. Adjournment

With no further business Wade Beatty moved to adjourn at 8:37 pm.

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