

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Regular Session to order at 7:07 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, Leah Kopp, Kevin Knott, Timothy Wehr
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent; Michelle Swift, Treasurer; Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant; Michael McKillip, Facilities Director
- School Administrator: Scott Ritchie, Don Scheumann
- Architect: Schmidt & Associates: Kyle Miller, Kurt Schneider
- Media: Jeff Eakins; Bethany Tabb
- Patrons: Approximately 10 patrons

I. Call to Order

Kevin Knott called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Roll call was taken and noted six members were present. Thomas Schaetzle was not in attendance.

II. Minutes

December 16, 2009 – Regular Session

December 16, 2009 – Grievance Hearing

Leah Kopp moved to approve all above minutes as presented. Wade Beatty gave the second and motion carried 6-0.

III. Claims

Steve Dalton gave the report on behalf of the Finance Committee. He then moved to accept the report and approve claims in the amount of \$1,213,188.59. Timothy Wehr gave the second and motion carried 6-0.

IV. Public Expression

- No patrons to address the Board at this time.

V. Old Business

- Update on Construction – Superintendent presented an anticipated project milestone schedule proposed from Schmidt & Associates. He also noted the Board would need to hold a work session with the Architects on February 3, 2010. Steve Dalton moved to accept Coor Consulting bid as site surveyor. Mark Fort gave the second and motion carried 6-0.

The Board President also wanted to reiterate that this Board is very interested in utilizing local contractors to do as much of the work as possible.

VI. New Business

- ARRA Statement of Assurance – The Superintendent explained the purpose and intent of the Race to the Top competitive grant the state of Indiana has applied for. This could be a potential resource that could consist of approximately \$100,000 for various professional development opportunities as well as benefitting other areas, as long as we follow the rules stipulated in the grant. If we do not submit the assurance, we will not be in the running to potentially receive these funds. The Superintendent asked the Board to ratify participation in the Partnership Agreement. He also stated that if this funds adversely affected the corporation in any way, we would have a way to opt out. Mark Fort moved to ratify the Statement of Assurance as presented. Wade Beatty gave the second. There was some discussion discussing what the funds could be used for. The Superintendent clarified it generally must be used for curriculum and school improvement. Motion carried 6-0.
- Reduction in Expenditures – The Superintendent gave a presentation and a Budget Review of the General Fund for 2010. The Board President confirmed a more definitive plan will be presented at next month's meeting. There was no discussion or comments from the Board pertaining the Superintendent's presentation. The President did state that all school corporations within the state are facing the same reductions and this Board would have to make hard decisions in an effort to contend with the budget reductions. He also wanted to state such decisions will be taken seriously and would like the patrons to know that everything will be on the table in an effort to contemplate and make the best decisions possible. He did share his appreciation to the Superintendent for his efforts. Steve Dalton clarified, in the wake of the recent building projects; he explained the reasoning for the athletic facilities in the wake of reductions. He stated the funding for athletic fields and energy savings projects have nothing to do with the other. Funds for the building projects cannot be used to fund staffing or salaries. Mark Fort asked, if all items were on the table, how many administrators are on the corporation funded insurance plan? The Superintendent then explained all our administrators are paid well below the state average in salary and our teachers are at the state average. The insurance benefit is what is keeping our corporation competitive and to cut this benefit would essentially result in a cut in pay.
- Transfer to Rainy Day Fund – The Superintendent explained the recommended adjustments into the Rainy Day Fund. His recommendation would be to make the following transfers. Debt Service - \$29,000, CPF - \$62,000, Transportation - \$43,000 for a total of \$134,000. Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation with a second from Mark Fort. Motion carried 6-0.
- Bus Replacement – There was some discussion surrounding the funding. The money will come from the bus replacement fund and the amount transferred into the Rainy Day Fund would not hinder this transaction. The quote is also lower than last year. Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation with a second from Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0. Due to the lower quotes, the additional funds could be used to purchase a used bus in the 2000-2003 range. This would replace a 1993 bus. The Board was agreeable to allow transportation department to search for a used bus.
- Central Office Property – The Superintendent stated in light of current budget reductions, he recommends discussion be brought back to the table and moving forward with the possible sell of this property. There was some discussion regarding where funds would go and how to move forward with the proposed project. Wade Beatty moved to place the property for sale with a second from Mark Fort. The motion carried 6-0.
- Corporation Web Page – The Technology Director gave a presentation on corporation web-site and the future technology needs. He gave a proposal for upgrading the site. He stated most School Corporations have moved to a content management system that is hosted off-site. After

much discussion, Wade Beatty moved to pursue a contract with School Fusion with a second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 6-0.

- The Board President moved the item from “Other Items” to this point in the meeting as the Technology Director was presenting. He presented a listing of technology equipment that have been declared as junk and recommended disposal of that equipment. He stated a reputable provider will provide proper documentation for disposal. Kevin Knott moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.
- Lease of School Property – Farm Cash Lease – The Superintendent is asking for approval to publish a notice to lease the farm ground at both Kennard Elementary and Knightstown Community High School. Mark Fort moved to approve this request with a second by Wade Beatty. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. Personnel

- Employment Approval
 - Prime-Time Aide – Pamela Buchanan, Carthage Elementary School. She will replace M. Jane Campbell who died unexpectedly during the holiday break.
 - KIS Line Cook – Maranda Locker. She will replace Deana Rutledge who resigned.

Wade Beatty moved to approve all Personnel recommendations with a second by Mark Fort. With no discussion, motion carried 6-0.

- ECA Appointments
 - Fall 2010 Athletics – The Athletic Director recommending approving the following appointments for the 2010-2011 Fall Season
 - Robert Prescott, Varsity Football Coach - \$6689
 - Scott Stanley, Assistant Varsity Football Coach - \$3011
 - Cynthia Henry, Varsity Girls Golf - \$2868

Leah Kopp moved to approve all Athletic recommendations with a second by Steve Dalton. With no discussion, motion carried 6-0.

VIII. Superintendent Reports

- Financial Reports – The Superintendent presented financial reports including a listing of all 2009 year end transfers. After some discussion, Wade Beatty moved to approve the transfers with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.
- Other Items
 - ISBA Seminars – Information on upcoming seminars and workshops were given to Board Members.

IX. Other

- Wade Beatty wished to recognize the tragic loss of Janie Campbell. He also wanted to tell of her loyal dedication and service to the students of Carthage and the corporation. Shirley Heck also spoke to confirm her wonderful work and state she will be missed.

X. Public Expression

- Richard Riggie, Shirley, IN – Asked if all items were ‘back on the table’ does that mean the closing of Kennard will be brought back to the table? The Superintendent stated unless this Board directs me to do so, school closings will not be looked into at this time.

XI. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Wade Beatty moved to adjourn at 9:03 pm.

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