

December 16, 2009
Regular Session
Board Meeting

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, Thomas Schaetzle, 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 all members were present.

Kevin Knott stated a request to move discussion and decision from Level III Grievance Hearing held at 6:30 to the beginning of this regular session. The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Classroom Teachers Association filed a Level III Grievance regarding retrieval of web-grades. The information was presented during an open session. The Board President opened the matter for discussion among the Board. After much discussion among the Board, Thomas Schaetzle moved to deny the Level III Grievance. Steve Dalton gave the second. With no further discussion, motion carried 7-0. According to contract a written response will be given.

II. Minutes

November 18, 2009 – Regular Session

December 9, 2009 – Special Session

Leah Kopp moved to approve minutes as presented. Wade Beatty gave the second and motion carried 7-0.

III. Claims

Timothy Wehr gave the report on behalf of the finance committee. He moved to approve claims totaling \$2,086,541.71. Wade Beatty gave the second and motion carried 6-0-1 Mark Fort abstained due to conflict of interest.

IV. Public Expression

- No patrons to address the Board at this time.

V. Instruction – KHS

Scott Ritchie, Principal gave a presentation on the Math program at Knightstown Community High School. He provided the Board with a presentation detailing the assessment results of our students, and the changes to be made in an effort to improve those results. The Board thanked him for his presentation. The Superintendent stated particular skills are being identified at lower level grades so when a student gets to higher grade levels, their skill set is much more defined.

VI. Old Business

- Update on Construction – The Board President stated the Board has met numerous times on this topic. He wanted the patrons to know the Board has worked hard to make sure all decisions are well thought out. The meeting was turned over to Kurt Schneider from Schmidt & Associates. He gave a brief presentation and stated this project is a community project. He also informed patrons this project would not increase taxes. Finally, he confirmed the Board is making intelligent long term decisions. He identified areas the community deemed to be important; 1) Keep the three tier configuration, 2) Air condition elementary buildings and 3) Develop a central athletics site at the high school. He explained the source of the funding and as more items were identified, more discussion would need to take place. Kevin Knott discussed the process and further explained some of the thought process for the decisions that were discussed during the last strategic planning session. The floor was opened to the public for this topic.
 - Tony Ortman, 9918 S. 775 W., Knightstown – Stated he did not hear any mention of a softball field, and asked if that was still a part of the project. Kyle Miller answered that was included and gave further details on other athletic facilities to be constructed.
 - Tim Morris, no address given, Carthage – Asked for further details on upgrades to the buildings. Kurt Schneider provided the answer.
 - Donny Martin, 6780 Grant City Road, Knightstown- Varsity Baseball Coach – Asked if a plan was in the future to re-fence the current baseball diamond at KIS. Kurt Schneider stated all items are being looked at, but frankly there was a limited amount of funding available at this time. However, notes for all improvements are being taken. The Superintendent stated there may be some areas that could be funded through the Capital Projects Fund. The Board is looking at all options to make intelligent decisions.
 - Gerald Leonard, 6675 S. Grant City Road, Knightstown – Asked how savings will be monitored. Kurt Schneider stated all utilities will be watched by how many units are used. We also have a list of every energy users and can monitor each of those.

With no further questions from patrons, the Board had more discussion. The Superintendent briefly explained the funding available and how it was obtained by the Corporation. There was some discussion and questions surrounding facilities and turf options, natural compared to synthetic fields. Timothy Wehr moved The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation hereby agrees to select Johnson Melloh Solutions for an energy savings and deferred maintenance program known as SB 916. The total amount of the project shall be \$3,445,624.00. Thomas Schaetzle gave the second and motion carried 7-0. Mark Fort moved to move forward with Option #2, which includes a synthetic field option. Timothy Wehr gave the second, motion carried 6-1 with Leah Kopp casting the negative vote.

- Fuel Bids – The Transportation Director presented her recommendation to purchase fuel from VanHoy Oil Company according to their bid. There was some discussion. Mark Fort moved to approve the recommendation of the Transportation Director with a second from Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 6-0-1. Wade Beatty abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.

VII. New Business

- Indiana Insurance. – Chad Leakey presented a history of coverage and claims over the last year. He stated two open claims remained. There was some discussion regarding the claim filed with the EEOC. The Superintendent stated the Indiana attorney felt sure the corporation would prevail. He also informed the Board of the increase in premiums for the upcoming year. He also informed the Board Indiana insurance will no longer lock in rates for a three year term. Kevin Knott moved to renew with Leakey insurance. Leah Kopp made the second and motion carried 7-0. Yolanda Washington, Loss Prevention Specialist from Indiana Insurance gave a brief presentation. She informed the Board of items and services that Indiana Insurance could provide to the corporation.
- Transfer of Appropriations & Prepayment of Claims – The Superintendent asked for approval of these two items. Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Thomas Schaetzle. Motion carried 7-0.
- Review of 2010 Budget – The Superintendent stated the corporation should receive the certified budget any day. He presented a brief overview of the approved budget for 2010. He informed the Board that due to a 3% decrease from the state level our budget would be decreased by just a little under \$400,000. This may result in losing positions, certified and non-certified. The Board President asked the status of negotiations with the Classroom Teachers Association. The Superintendent stated the two were currently at impasse and he expected to hear from a mediator within the next few weeks. He also stated the governor recommended schools to be mindful when entering into contracts including salary increases. He also recommended school districts consider entering the state health insurance pool.
- Field Trip – The Superintendent recommended approval for the FFA to attend an overnight conference in mid-January. Mark Fort moved to approve the recommendation with a second from Steve Dalton. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Personnel

Employment Approval

- Maternity Leave – The Superintendent recommended approval for Scott Pickrell to fill a maternity leave at Carthage Elementary for second semester. Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 7-0.

IX. Superintendent Reports

The Superintendent recommended transferring the remaining balance in the Special Education Pre-School Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. After December 31, 2009, the Special Education Pre-School Fund will no longer be in existence. Thomas Schaetzle moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 7-0.

- Financial Reports – The Superintendent presented financial reports. There was some discussion.

- Other Items – There were no other items at this time.

X. Other – There were no items to come before the board.

XI. Public Expression

Gerald Leonard, 6675 S. Grant City Road, Knightstown – Asked that after the vote to approve the energy savings project, and athletic facilities, does that mean the funding allocated to KIS is now set in stone. Kevin Knott stated that was correct. The allocated amount was required to go for the project in that building. He did state total figures may not be concrete, however the energy portion are costs required to do the work.

XII. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Wade Beatty moved to adjourn at 9:40 pm.

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