

November 18, 2009
Regular Session
Board Meeting

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Special 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, Kevin Knott, Thomas Schaetzle, Timothy Wehr
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent; Michelle Swift, Treasurer; Phyllis Haines, Office Assistant; Michael McKillip, Facilities Director
- School Administrator: Scott Ritchie, Don Scheumann, Christine Brokamp
- Architect: Schmidt & Associates: Tom Neff
- Local Counsel: Jack Hittle
- 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 by Phyllis Haines. Six members were present. Leah Kopp was not in attendance. The meeting was turned over to the superintendent. He informed the Board a presentation would be given by Erin Morgan, Lindsay Kennedy and Karsyn Mohler regarding Grade 12 AP Language Arts.

II. Minutes

October 28, 2009 – Regular Session

November 4, 2009 – Special Session-Strategic Planning

Steve Dalton moved to approve minutes as presented. Mark Fort gave the second and motion carried 6-0.

III. Claims

Wade Beatty gave the report on behalf of the finance committee. He then moved to approve claims totaling \$1,264,752.82. Steve Dalton gave the second and motion carried 6-0.

IV. Public Expression

- Shirley Heck – Carthage & Kennard Elementary Principal – gave a short video presentation from Carthage & Kennard Elementary Schools to thank the school board for working towards air conditioning in those buildings.

V. Public Hearing – The Public Hearing on the Amendment to Form of Lease began at 7:40 pm.

The Superintendent turned the meeting over to local counsel, Jack Hittle. Counsel briefly discussed the role of the Knightstown High School Building Corporation. The amendment to the Lease would extend the term until the year 2025 and the amount will be increased by

\$175000.00. Mr. Hittle then covered all resolutions as well as the amendment to lease. After the brief presentation the hearing was opened for public questions and comments. There was some discussion from the Board. There were no public comments.

The Knightstown High School Building Corporation held its meeting with the following members present: Janet Buckles, Cindy Huffman, Timothy Sorrell and Greg Stolle. A quorum was present and Vice President Timothy Sorrell presided. Timothy Sorrell moved to approve all resolutions with a second by Greg Stolle. Motion carried 4-0. Building Corporation Meeting adjourned.

School Board meeting reconvened.

Exhibit A - Authorizing Execution of Lease and Sale of Real Estate

Steve Dalton moved to approve with a second by Wade Beatty. Motion carried 6-0.

Exhibit B - Accept Patron Petition Resolution

Mark Fort moved to approve with a second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 6-0.

Exhibit C - Assigning Energy Saving Contract

Thomas Schaetzle moved to approve with a second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 6-0.

Exhibit D - Accept Issuance of School Construction Bond

Wade Beatty moved to approve with a second by Mark Fort. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Swift was also approved to assist the Superintendent to complete the approval process.

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:58 pm.

VI. Instruction – KHS

This presentation was given at the opening of the meeting.

VII. Old Business

- Update on Construction/Renovation Project

The Superintendent informed the public on current bond issues. Tom Neff explained the information that will be presented at the December 16 regular session. Updates and bids for projects at elementary buildings and athletic fields will be discussed. There will be a possible Public Core Group Meeting December 16, 2009 beginning at 9:30 am.

- Communications Program

Tom Neff explained options for this program. There was much discussion from the Board. Timothy Wehr moved to table the approval until December regular session. He then asked the Board President for expression from the public on this matter. He was informed if the matter was tabled no discussion could take place, therefore Timothy Wehr rescinded his motion to table in an effort to allow public expression.

- Susan Terheide, Carthage – Spoke on behalf of the KHS band and choir programs. She encouraged the board to consider the uses of the stagecraft room before they accept putting the radio program into that space.

- Gerald Leonard, Knightstown – Expressed his concern the stagecraft room is currently being used for storage. He would like to have that area used for daily student learning, not a garage.

There was more discussion between Board members. Kevin Knott recommended and moved to go forward with the radio station program. Wade Beatty seconded the motion. Timothy Wehr asked what other options exist for the program. He was informed other options were considered and presented for their consideration in the last two board packets. Kevin Knott clarified his motion to include only the 1900 square feet of the stagecraft room. Wade Beatty agreed and motion carried 5-1 with Timothy Wehr casting the negative vote.

- SBA Audit Report
The Superintendent discussed the results of the 2006-2008 State Board of Account Audit. He then asked the Board to accept the report as a resolution. Thomas Schaetzle moved to accept with a second by Wade Beatty. Motion carried 6-0.

VIII. New Business

- Board Policy Changes - #1130 – Conflict of Interest – Language was added to stating all Corporation students receive priority. Wade Beatty stated this policy was tabled indefinitely. Mark Fort moved to table again with a second by Wade Beatty. After much discussion the motion was rescinded as the policy was table indefinitely at a previous meeting.
- Recommended changes from Neola were included in the packet. The Superintendent asked the Board to review all changes highlighted in gray and approve on first reading. He also noted policy #7542-Network Access from Personally Owned Computers, and asked the Board to review. There was some discussion on the policies presented.
- Fuel Bids - Kevin Knott opened two sealed fuel bids. One received from VanHoy Oil and the second from Harvestland Co-op, Anderson Office. The bids were given to the Superintendent and the Transportation Director for review and contract approval.

IX. Personnel

Employment Approval

- The Superintendent recommended approving Ginger (Slover) Harter for the position of Knightstown Elementary School Office Assistant. Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Thomas Schaetzle. Motion carried 6-0.
- The transportation director recommends approval to add Paul C. Lanzer as a substitute bus driver for the corporation. Wade Beatty moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Thomas Schaetzle. Motion carried 6-0.

X. Superintendent Reports

- Financial Reports – The Superintendent presented financial reports for the Board. There was some discussion.
- Title II & Title IV Reports – The Superintendent presented reports from two Title Grants. There was some board discussion.
- Other Items – There were no other items at this time.

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

XII. Public Expression

- Jane Rodgers, KIS Teacher – She invited the Board Members to come to the Intermediate School on Thursday, November 19 for Education Week activities.
- Susan Leonard, KHS Guidance Counselor – She reminded the Board and everyone in attendance of the KHS Fall Play performances that will be held November 20 & 21 in the High School Auditorium.
- Susan Terheide, Carthage – Stated her disappointment by the vote that approved the use of the stage craft room for the radio program.

XIII. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Kevin Knott moved to adjourn at 9:15 pm.

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