

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called a Special Session to order at 6:07 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, Leah Kopp, Kevin Knott, Thomas Schaetzle, Timothy Wehr
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent; Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant; Phyllis Haines, Office Assistant; Michael McKillip, Facilities Director
- School Administrator: Scott Ritchie, Steve Wherry, Don Scheumann; Chris Bundy, Shirley Heck
- Architect: Schmidt & Associates-Kyle Miller, Tom Neff, Kurt Schneider
- CTA President: Thomas Crawford
- Media: Jeff Eakins; Bethany Tabb
- Patrons: Approximately 50 patrons

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm and roll call was taken. Six Board members were present. Kevin Knott gave a brief opening statement explaining the order of events for this evening's agenda.

II. Architect Report/Overview – The Superintendent introduced staff from Schmidt & Associates.

The architect gave a presentation on the evaluation the firm conducted. After the presentation the meeting was opened up for discussion from the patrons in attendance. They included:

- Dawn Wineman – questions regarding growth.
- Tony Ortman – are current facilities were large enough to handle current attendance.
- Judy Neal – any thought to utilizing administration building for classrooms?
- David Irwin – questions about availability of space at the elementary
- Tom Riggle – questions regarding which sporting facilities are proposed at the high school, which of those proposed facilities would be shared with KIS students
- Jane Rodgers – questioned if 5th grade students would share locker rooms, music rooms, etc, with high school students.

Some questions were addressed and then the patrons present were split into groups of 10 for discussion. The group discussion began at 6:50 and concluded at 7:05 pm. The groups were asked to give a report of their discussions.

- GROUP 1 – Agreed with current grade level configuration and believed academics were important followed by sports facilities.
- GROUP 2 – Most agreed with current grade configuration, two in the group thought we should return grades 5-6 back to elementary buildings.
- GROUP 3 – Agreed with current grade configurations – no tax increases – class sizes should remain small with no more than 24 per class.
- GROUP 4 – Agreed with current grade configurations – localizing KHS and KIS on the same ground with long term plans of grades 5-8 in their own location – athletic facilities, however, locker room concerns were expressed and would like to keep grade levels separate – Elementary buildings need air conditioning - maintain current tax rate.
- GROUP 5 – Agreed with current grade configurations – Academics before athletic facilities - air conditioning for Elementary buildings – no tax rate increase – location with access to community.
- GROUP 6 – Four of the group believed elementary should be K-6 while three agreed with current grade configurations - air conditioning at elementary buildings – locations with a centralized kindergarten - athletic facilities.
- GROUP 7 – Three to keep K-4 & 5-8, one member felt grade 5 should return to elementary level all others remained undecided.
- GROUP 8 – Agreed opportunities were greater with the 5-8 grade configurations, this provided more academic opportunities.
- GROUP 9 – Agreed with current grade configurations - locations for schools should be kept as they are - air conditioning at elementary level - athletic facilities.
- GROUP 10 – All except one member agreed with current grade configurations

Kevin Knott thanked all patrons for participating and expressing insight and opinions into the proposed projects.

III. 1028 Hearing

Kevin Knott called the hearing to order at 7:18 pm. The meeting was turned over to the Superintendent. He stated the purpose was to consider additional projects or the expansion of the current projects with funding from the Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB). The corporation is eligible to sell if the Board so chooses. The Bonds would be for improvements to our buildings. He stated the application specified air conditioning at the elementary buildings, roofing needs at KES and any remaining funding to go toward upgrades of HVAC at KIS. The Superintendent also explained the possible impact of the tax rate. He also said he would recommend the Board reduce the CPF plan to help neutralize the tax rate for any new debt.

Lonnie Therber, Therber & Brock – answered questions and participated in discussion with the Board. This portion was then opened for public expression.

- David Irwin – asked if Special Education accounts were current. The Superintendent stated all accounts are current.
- Gerald Leonard – expressed his fear of lowering capital projects fund. He felt that funding may be needed for larger projects down the road.
- Dawn Wineman – stated the recommendation was very well thought out and was impressed.

With no further comments, Kevin Knott closed the public comment portion at 7:36 pm. He read the 1028 Resolution and opened for Board discussion. There was much discussion regarding soft costs, construction costs and interest to keeping interest rates low.

IV. 1028 Resolution

Wade Beatty moved to accept resolution as presented with a second by Steve Dalton. With no further discussion, motion carried 6-0. The Superintendent asked if the Knightstown High School Building Corporation could meet on Monday, October 12, 2009 in the Administration Building beginning at 6:00 pm. School Board members will also attend.

V. Proposed Projects

Exhibit B – Building Corporation Resolution – Wade Beatty moved to approve as presented with a second by Thomas Schaeztle. The Building Corporation members will consist of Janet Buckles, Cindy Huffman, Jon Means, Tim Sorrell, Greg Stolle, Jeff Weiland, and Rob Winters. Motion carried 6-0.

Exhibit C – Resolution to Approve Third Amendment to Lease – After a brief discussion, Wade Beatty moved to approve the resolution with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.

Exhibit D - Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures – Wade Beatty moved to approve the resolution with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.

VI. Adopt 2010 Budget

- a. Resolution to Adopt 2010 Budget
- b. Resolution to Adopt 2010 CPF Plan
- c. Resolution to Adopt 2010 Bus Replacement Plan
- d. Resolution to Reduce Budget at Hearing

Wade Beatty moved to approve all resolutions listed above with a second by Thomas Schaeztle. After a brief discussion, motion carried 6-0.

- e. Resolution to Reduce 2009 CPF Appropriations
Thomas Schaeztle moved to adopt resolution with a second by Wade Beatty. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. Other

- Jeff Weiland – Stated it was not possible to randomly add or remove schools as needed. There are many expenses that will be incurred by doing this. The Board must look five, fifteen or twenty years down the road. He also asked the Board remember, with no disrespect, Architects are salesman and numbers and costs can vary.
- Gerald Leonard – Questions surrounding the amount to be appropriated for each project.
- Dawn Wineman – Clarified the original \$2 million must be used at KHS or KIS and the additional \$2 million discussed this evening would be used at elementary buildings and KIS.
- David Bundy – Board should feel confident with the decision to move forward with KIS. He hopes the discussion this evening will reinforce the commitment to that level and building.
- James Neal – Asked for some clarification on projects. Kurt Schneider helped to answer those questions.

VIII. Adjournment

With nothing further to come before the Board, Wade Beatty moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

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