

September 16, 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, Leah Kopp, Kevin Knott, Thomas Schaeztle, Timothy Wehr
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent; Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant; Michael McKillip, Facilities Director
- School Administrator: Don Scheumann; Scott Ritchie
- Architect: Schmidt & Associates-Ben Bain, Tom Neff
- Media: Jeff Eakins; Bethany Tabb
- Patrons: Approximately 15 patrons

I. Call to Order

Kevin Knott called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Roll call was taken by Jena Schmidt and she stated all members were present. The meeting was turned over to the Superintendent.

II. Minutes

Wade Beatty noted a correction on the minutes of August 19, 2009. Leah Kopp moved to approve the minutes of August 19, 2009 and September 2, 2009 with proposed correction. Wade Beatty seconded and motion carried 7-0.
August 19, 2009 and September 2, 2009

- III. Claims – Steve Dalton moved to approve claims in the amount of \$834,586.50. Timothy Wehr gave the second and motion carried 7-0. Kevin Knott then thanked the finance department for including the memo section on claims.

- IV. Public Expression – There were no patrons who asked to speak during this part of the meeting.

Kevin Knott asked the Board to move the Field Trip Request from the last agenda item to this part of the meeting as the sponsor was in attendance. There were no objections from the Board. The Superintendent asked Mrs. Arellano to address the Board to explain the overnight field trip she is proposing. Diana Arellano informed the Board of the value of the Leadership Academy that FFA members would be attending. Supervision would be the responsibility of the Academy; the Board requested all parents be made aware of this fact. With no further discussion, Mark Fort moved to approve the trip with a second by Wade Beatty. Motion carried 7-0. The Superintendent noted the large participation in this program due to Ms. Arellano's involvement.

V. Old Business -

- Support Staff Handbook – Wade Beatty moved to approve the Handbook with proposed changes. Thomas Schaetzle gave the second. There was some discussion regarding questions of criminal background. On-going consultation with the attorney will take place. With no further discussion, motion carried 7-0.
- Board Policies - There were questions to the reasoning of deleting Board Policy #1113-School Directory. The Superintendent stated CTA provides the corporation with a directory. After much discussion, Wade Beatty moved to table all proposed policy amendments to allow more time for review. A second was given by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 7-0.
- Update on Construction Project – The Superintendent stated the Core Group continued to meet on a bi-weekly basis. The architects will also facilitate a work session with the public on October 7, 2009 beginning at 6:00 at KHS Media Center. Kevin Knott reiterated this session will be an opportunity for the public to provide input into projects for the refunding dollars. The Superintendent also requested permission to advertise a 1028 Hearing on October 7, 2009 in preparation of issuing Bonds for the Qualified School Construction Bonds. Kevin Knott informed those in attendance the proposed projects far exceeded any amount awarded to the corporation. The Board has the potential of no more than \$4 million in funding. The Board will not have the ability or funding to complete everything on the report from Schmidt & Associates.

VI. Public Hearing

2010 Budget Hearing began at 7:41 pm. The Superintendent gave a presentation on the 2010 Budget. He also stated the presentation would be available via the corporation web-site. After the presentation, the meeting was opened for public comment. With no patrons addressing the Board, the Hearing was closed at 8:13 pm. The Board opened the meeting for continued business at 8:14 pm.

VII. New Business

The Superintendent informed the Board of a Professional Development opportunity granted for Christy Brokamp and Stephanie Eaton from Knightstown Elementary School. This opportunity takes place in Salt Lake City, Utah and will provide training on new software acquired through a grant received for Early Intervention. The cost to the corporation will consist of a substitute teacher for three days for Stephanie Eaton. Wade Beatty moved to approve the Professional Development with a second by Mark Fort. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Personnel

Resignations – The Superintendent informed the Board of two resignations. Kenneth Skaggs as a Bus Driver and James Honaker who is retiring at the age of 90 as an Instructional Assistant at Carthage Elementary School.

Employment –

- Allison Conway, Bus Driver
- Terri Driesback – Instructional Assistant at Carthage Elementary School
- Linda VanOsdol – 8th Grade class Sponsor - \$157

- Jamie Trautmann – KIS Spell Bowl Coach - \$106
 - Jamie Trautmann – KIS Academic Bowl Coach - \$108
 - VeeAnn Schmidt – KIS Academic Bowl Coach - \$108
 - Jena Schmidt – KIS Academic Bowl Coach - \$111
 - Amber Nordyke – Mathematics teacher at KHS – BS+0 with 0 years experience
- Mark Fort moved to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent for all appointments. Second was given by Thomas Schaeztle and motion carried 7-0.

IX. Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Reports – Gary Storie presented the Board with bank balances and a current fund report.

The Superintendent also informed the Board the Corporation had received recognition for their continued support and acknowledgement of their efforts in fund-raising for Riley Children’s Hospital. He also stated the Auditor’s exit conference will be held on September 24, 2009 at central office and will begin at 8:30 am. He gave a listing of upcoming ISBA workshops and conferences.

Kevin Knott expressed his appreciation to the Board for taking the opportunity of the various ISBA training opportunities. As a result of that effort, the ISBA will recognize the CAB Board for achieving Outstanding Board Status. He also thanked the corporation for providing information on training to the Board.

X. Other

Steve Dalton asked to speak regarding web grades. He stated this Board discussed using this tool last school year. This was a valuable tool parents could utilize to provide information regarding their child. He stated he had contacted surrounding corporations and discovered all or most were either using or were implementing a similar product or service. He had personally been approached by several parents and spoken with several teachers. He then stated he and the Board Attorney had reviewed the Master Contract. He maintains parents have a right to this service. He then moved to turn web grade component on for parents to view their child’s grades. Wade Beatty gave the second. Thomas Schaeztle also stated he too had been approached by parents who desired to retain this service. He stated we live in a time when technology is available and we continually encourage parents to stay involved. Kevin Knott also agreed with the discussion. He believes this will help our students now and in the future. He also informed them the University level is instituting this type of product and feels it to be a benefit and this Board should move forward. Steve Dalton would also like to see some research into the component that would allow teachers to access this feature from their homes. With no further discussion, motion carried 7-0.

Wade Beatty then expressed his sincere gratitude to Mr. Honaker for his dedication and loyalty to the students of this corporation and Carthage Elementary School.

XI. Public Expression

- No name given – Asked for clarification regarding the public session facilitated by Schmidt & Associates and the Qualified School Construction Bond. Kevin Knott answered his questions and encouraged him to look up more information on the corporation web-site about the architectural firm.
- Gerald Leonard, Grant City Road, Knightstown – Asked if the October 7 meeting would be at KHS. The response was yes and will begin at 6:00 pm.

XII. Adjournment – With nothing further to come before the Board, Wade Beatty moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

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