

The Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Board of School Trustees called their regular session to order at 7:10 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: Steve Dalton, Mark Fort, Leah Kopp, Kevin Knott, Thomas Schaeztle, and Timothy Wehr
- Central Office Staff: Gary Storie, Superintendent; Jena Schmidt, Administrative Assistant; Michelle Swift, Corporation Treasurer; Michael McKillip, Facilities Director
- Building Principal: Scott Ritchie, Don Scheumann
- Classroom Teachers Association President: Tom Crawford
- Schmidt & Associates: Tom Neff & Kurt Schneider
- Media: Jeff Eakins, Bethany Tabb
- Patrons: Approximately 12 patrons

I. Call to Order

Roll call was taken and six members were present. Wade Beatty was not in attendance. Kevin Knott asked all in attendance to stand for the pledge to the American Flag followed by a moment of silence.

II. Minutes

July 21, 2009 – Regular Session

July 23, 2009 – Special Session

August 4, 2009 – Special Session

The above minutes were previously presented. Leah Kopp moved to approve all minutes with a second by Mark Fort. Motion carried 6-0.

III. Claims

Steve Dalton presented a report from the Finance committee. He moved to approve the payment of claims as presented in the amount of \$1,084,875.35. Leah Kopp gave the second and motion carried 6-0.

IV. Public Expression

- Jim Hope – McCullum Street, Knightstown, IN – Asked to submit a copy of a quote he has acquired for repair of the track. The Superintendent stated he would be happy to take a look at the quote and include it in the information he is collecting. Kevin Knott informed him the Board will be required to go through legal procedures to acquire and award contracts.

V. Old Business

Support Staff Handbook – Tim Wehr would like to table the second reading for further review. Steve Dalton gave the second. There was no discussion and the motion carried 6-0.

Policy Changes – The Superintendent stated the amendment changes are recommendations from Neola, Indiana School Board Association, and a result of new legislation. The policies discussed were:

- #0144.2 – Board Member Ethics
- #2464 – Programs for High Ability Students
- #5460 – Graduation Requirements
- #3121 – Personal Background Check
- #4121 – Personal Background Check

After some discussion, a word change was indicated on both policy #3121 and #4121. Thomas Schaetzle moved to approve the policies above with revisions noted. Leah Kopp gave the second and the motion carried 6-0.

Update on Construction Renovations – Tom Neff and Kurt Schneider of Schmidt & Associates presented the results from the group work session held on August 4. The Board was supplied with a summary of the top five critical issues developed during the Strategic Planning work session. Thomas Schaetzle asked for a change in wording on the fifth issue. He requested “quantifiable reason” be changed to “quantifiable benefit”. Steve Dalton moved to adopt the critical issues presented with a second by Thomas Schaetzle. Motion carried 6-0. Tom Neff also proposed October 7 as a public meeting opportunity. The Superintendent stated he will be recommending a public hearing for the 2010 budget on September 30. He asked if both items could be placed on the same evening. He also asked each Board member to supply a list of possible names for the Core Group.

VI. New Business

09-10 Staffing/Enrollment – The Superintendent presented a summary of student enrollment as of today. Indiana Department Of Education projected our enrollment to be 1307 this year. Based on the information, the corporation has seen a slight increase. Kindergarten currently has 84 students corporation wide with 57 of those at Knightstown Elementary. He is recommending an additional kindergarten teacher be placed in that building. The enrollment at the sixth grade level is also large with class sizes at 29-29-29 and 30. Therefore, he also recommended an additional teacher at that level. Kevin Knott quickly stated his point regarding class sizes is well taken. Mark Fort moved to accept the recommendation of two additional teachers. Thomas Schaetzle gave the second and motion carried 6-0.

Board Policy Amendments – First Reading – The Superintendent stated he has been working with the Classroom Teacher Association to amend a section at a time of the Board Policies. He presented a list of noted amendments in the first section, 1000 Administration. There was much discussion regarding language in policy #1130 and the repetition of adhering to PL 217 in several of the proposed changes. The Board asked that those references be removed, as following law is a requirement, therefore does not need mentioned in each policy. After more discussion, Steve Dalton moved to table the policies and be brought next month with changes for a first reading. Mark Fort gave the second and the motion carried 6-0.

Trash Removal Bids – The facilities director recommended retaining the services of Big B Rubbish. They presented the lowest bid. Mark Fort moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Kevin Knott. Motion carried 6-0.

Advertise School Budget – The Superintendent provided a calendar of upcoming dates surrounding the 2010 Budget. He is asking for permission to advertise the budget in local publications. He also stated the amount advertised is always higher than the approved amount.

The Superintendent then presented a summary of the advertisement. Thomas Schaetzle moved to approve the advertisement with a second by Leah Kopp. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. Personnel

- Leslie Shouse – Title I teacher at Knightstown Elementary School – BS+0 years
 - Joseph Bowman – Kindergarten teacher at Knightstown Elementary School - BS+0 years
- Steve Dalton moved to approve the two teachers with a second by Mark Fort. Motion carried 6-0.
- ECA Recommendations – Mark Fort moved to approve the following ECA recommendations with a second by Timothy Wehr. Motion carried 6-0.
 - Bob Prescott – Boys Varsity Track - \$4398
 - Dan Clevenger – Girls Varsity Track - \$4398
 - Jane Rodgers – Girls Varsity Tennis - \$2583
 - Kristin Crawford – JH Girls Track - \$1733
 - Michael Byrnes – JH Boys Track - \$1733
 - Eben Graves – JH Cross Country - \$1148
 - Jerry Poling – Soccer Volunteer Coach
 - VeeAnn Schmidt – JH Historical Society - \$200
 - VeeAnn Schmidt – Elementary Historical Society - \$200
 - Scott Fields – JH Academic Coach Coordinator - \$271

VIII. Superintendent Reports

Progress Report – The Superintendent presented a power point and progress report on new programs, assessments and technology coming to Charles A. Beard this year. He explained several notable events that occurred to advance student life. He also commended the Board for their dedication and hard work for their governance over the corporation. Kevin Knott thanked the Superintendent for the report and staff for their good work.

Financial Report – The Superintendent supplied financial reports for the Board. He explained the reports that were included in the report.

Other Items – ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference – A flyer was given to the Board members and the Superintendent asked each member to notify central office so registration could be sent.

IX. Other

The Superintendent stated the corporation has two support staff positions in need of a contract. The Athletic Director and Social Worker should sign contracts. He had supplied each member with three samples to choose from and review. The recommendation of the Superintendent would be to accept the one page Employment Contract listing fringe benefits and additional duties. He also asked fringe benefits be listed more clearly. After some discussion, Thomas Schaetzle moved to accept the recommendation, stating more details concerning policy are spelled out in handbooks. Leah Kopp gave the second with revisions noted and motion carried 6-0.

X. Public Expression

- Dorothy Hatton – McCullum St – Knightstown – Stated, in her opinion, a positive move for the Board would be a workshop in the use of microphones. She explained it was difficult to hear the conversation and keep updated on what is happening in the district. She asked each Board member to speak loudly in an effort for the community to hear and understand the business. She then congratulated each member on their hard work.

XI. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, Leah Kopp moved to adjourn at 8:56 pm.

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